

Director, FBI (100-6885)

7/21/55

SAC, New York (100-12959)

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RE: Chicago airtel to New York entitled "PHIL BART,
IS-C," 6/27/55.

Referenced airtel contains information indicating that CONSTANCE BART is returning to the open party from the underground and that she and her husband PHIL BART expect to reside at 530 E. 22nd St., Brooklyn, NY, c/o LANZER.

On 6/28/55 a discreet fisur of the subject determined that she left her hideout at 45-35, 44th St., Queens, NY carrying an overnight bag and proceeded to the residence of her sister-in-law, CELIA LEVY, 120 Avenue N, Brooklyn, NY. On 6/29/55 subject and her husband PHIL BART were both observed leaving the above-mentioned residence.

An investigation conducted on 7/1/55 by SAS [redacted] and ROBERT G. OFTEDAL determined that MORRIS LANZER, [redacted] occupy an apartment at 530 E. 22nd St., Brooklyn, NY. MORRIS LANZER is an SI subject of the NY office, whose whereabouts is presently unknown.

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LANZER was active in the Spanish Civil War as a lieutenant in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. From 1948 to 1949 he was section organizer of the Brownsville Section of Kings County CP on a full-time basis. During 1948 and 1949 he was chairman of the Jewish Commission of the Kings County CP.

It might be noted that LANZER has been a close contact of BENJAMIN DVOSIN of Brooklyn for many years. It is believed that DVOSIN is presently active in the CP underground.

①-NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (7-5)
1-NY (100-80965) (MORRIS LANZER) (12-11)
1-NY (100-96985) (CP USA, UG) (19)
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Contact was made with [redacted] Brooklyn, NY, who has been contacted on numerous occasions re LANZER. [redacted] stated [redacted] departed for Camp [redacted] Ireland, NY on 6/30/55 where they expect to remain for the [redacted] of the summer. [redacted] reportedly is employed as a [redacted] seller at this camp. [redacted] stated that [redacted] had paid a month's rent in advance but had not mentioned that anyone would be occupying the apartment.

[redacted] went on to say that on the evening of 6/30/55 he noted a middle-aged couple with luggage enter the LANZER apartment with a key.

On 7/5/55 [redacted] was reinterviewed by SA ROBERT C. OFTEDAL. He stated that a man and woman in their early 50's are presently occupying the LANZER apartment, and that the woman had stated to him she was [redacted] sister. According to [redacted] the couple had a "noisy" party in the apartment on 7/2/55 attended by both white persons and Negroes; which sounded to him like a celebration of some sort.

[redacted] readily identified photos of CONSTANCE BART as being positively identical with the woman in the LANZER apartment. He tentatively identified photos of PHIL BART as being identical with the man and furnished a description of the man which is identical with that of PHIL BART.

[redacted] is not aware of the name being used by CONSTANCE and PHIL BART at the address, but promised to attempt to discreetly ascertain it. He had not observed these individuals using an automobile.

FD 122 reflecting the change of address for CONSTANCE BART is being transmitted to the Bureau.

Extreme care should be used in handling and reporting information contained in referenced Chicago airtel in order to protect the identity of an informant.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM.....UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-3-94)
FROM : SAC, Detroit (100-17226)
SUBJECT: CP-USA UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS
DETROIT DIVISION

DATE: July 22, 1955

On June 25, 1955, an anonymous source, close to PHIL BART, National CP-USA functionary, made available to the Agents of the Detroit Division a notebook which was in the possession of BART. Instant notebook contained the following notations which are being set out in full, with the Agents interpretations. One set of the photographed material is being forwarded to the Charlotte Office. Under separate caption, one set of photographs and the negatives obtained from this source are being submitted to New York as the material does not directly apply to District 7:

Organize and maintain Southern (illegible) connected to NAC (National Administrative Committee.)

- Motions - 1) SRC (Southern Regional Committee) reconstituted under NAC.
- 2) Present forces recommend proposals to NAC on composition of new committee.
- 3) Base of J. be South - working out of NC (North Carolina).
- 4) No change in moving family at this time.

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CC: 2 Charlotte (Enclosures 3) (REGISTERED)

③ New York (100-96985) (REGISTERED)
(100-56579) (100-20694)

1 Philadelphia (100-7800) (INFO) (REGISTERED)

1 Savannah (INFO) (REGISTERED)

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100-14626 (PHIL BART)

100-5450 (EDWARD E. STRONG)

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DETROIT DIVISION

- 5) That J. be responsible for work in NC - SC with major emphasis on defense.
 - 6) Recommend to (illegible) that J. remain member of reconstituted RC (Regional Committee).
- I. 1) Sterring are to work with J & Pal, a Negro contact for South.
- 2) Committee in NC to organize and prepare activities in South.
 - 3) Monthly letters - provided by J. (illegible) to 500 leading people.
 - 4) J. utilize July and August for preparing work in the South, making contacts - preparing plan which should be used by the end of August - this to include program of activities and fund raising.

Re report of SA JOHN J. KEARNEY, New York, dated May 16, 1955, captioned CP-USA UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS - NEW YORK DIVISION, page 17. NK 2010-S* has furnished information that EDWARD EUGENE STRONG is the leading functionary in the Southern region. Page 84 of instant report reflects the alias of JOHN for EDWARD EUGENE STRONG. The possibility exists that the J referred to above is identical with EDWARD EUGENE STRONG.

Page two of instant notebook reflects the following, which is set forth verbatim:

"Org. - Ala. - Texas - Ga - Ark. (illegible)

"Need common approach to registration - statements and questions raised - to be ready by June 25th

N.C. - 56	La. 54
Va. - 62	Fla - 112
Tenn - 22	Texas 106
Ala - 26	Ga - 13

"Press - 400 W. for yr.

Send code on address or address (illegible)

Predestined leaflet series - Desegregation - re South.

Bills book - get worker's address

Tenn. dues record by months.

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"Textile coordinate - New Eng - N J. - South (Bob)
publication of program - for P.A. (Worker's copy)
proposal to add textile to (next two words illegible)
July 22 - 23.

"Lou - prepare written memo (South) on major questions
within work.

"Foster book - 70

Fla - 20	La - 10	Tenn. 5
Texas - 10	NC - 5(?)	add - 5
Ala - 8	Va - 2	

"Desegregation - 500	20,000 textile
Foom - 500	50,000 desegregation
Lightfoot - 500	10,000 labor (illegible)

Page three of instant notebook reflects the following:

"Czech - W. Texas

"See Frank - re monthly - 1 or 2 - for South"

The identities of LOU and FRANK are unknown at this time
by the Detroit Office.

Extreme care should be used in the dissemination of the
foregoing information in view of the sensitive position of the
source.

Assigned for Ver.

Franklin B. Teeter

7/27/55

Director, FBI (100-3284)

SAC, New York (100-56579)

PHILIP BART, was.

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SMITH ACT OF 1940

Correlated Security Index cards
attached. Substitute for cards
in 100-100-100 series.
100-100-100-100 description on
reverse side of photographical card.

Enclosed are four copies of the report of SA
FRANKLIN B. TEETER dated at NY.

Captioned subject is presently carried as a
Key Figure of the NYO.

However, based on a review of subject's file
preparatory to writing enclosed report, it is felt that
BART falls within the definition of a "top functionary" as
set forth in Sec 87C of Manual of Instructions, Volume III.

According to information furnished by CG-5824-S*,
NY-694-S*, [redacted] and NY-1475-S* the subject currently
holds the following positions on a National Level in the
CP, USA:

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1. National Organizational Secretary.
2. Member, National Administrative Committee.
3. Member, Sub-Committee on CP Registration
established at National Organizational
Conference held in April, 1955.
4. In charge of all Organizational and
Financial Operations, CP, USA.
5. Head of CP, USA Reserve Fund.
6. Member, National Commission on Organization
established by the National Administrative
Committee in June, 1955.

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1 - 100-96900 (Key Figure & Top Functionary Control
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NY 100-56579

It is noted that the National Administrative Committee, of which BART is a member, has been identified as the current policy making body of the "open" CP, USA organization.

Also as disclosed in the enclosed report, the subject has, in the past three months, attended a number of top level CP meetings and conferences involved with various phases of National Organization, Finances and so forth.

In view of the above, it is felt that it is necessary to give continuous investigation to subject's case in order to keep abreast of Communism on a National basis in the U.S.

Therefore, it is recommended that BART be designated a "top functionary" and Bureau permission is requested to so carry him in the future.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, Newark (100-2974)

FROM: SAC, New York (100-66211) 7-5

SUBJECT: MARTHA STONE
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DATE: 7/27/56

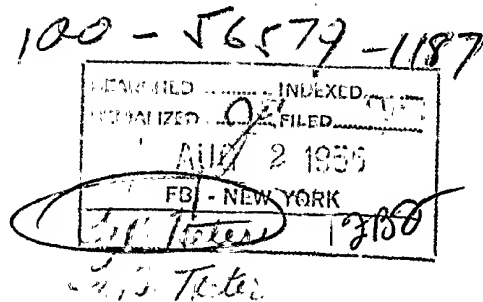
NY 1475-S*, who is in a position to furnish reliable information concerning activities at the CP National Headquarters, 268 7th Avenue, NYC, advised that on 5/12/55, MARTHA (believed to be MARTHA STONE) informed MAC (believed to be MAC GORDON) that there would be a sub-committee meeting at the CRC at 2:00 PM on Monday (presumably 5/16/55) concerning the Communists who had been 8 months up until that time in prison in Puerto Rico. She said that the immediate question was getting them out on bail and the whole program of public relations publicity and so forth. She told MAC

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1 - New Haven (100-14795) (MARTHA STONE) (RM)
1 - SAN JUAN (100-COMPROS) (RM)
1 - NY 100-21259 (MAC GORDON) 12-16
1 - NY 100-81752 Sub 11 COMPROS SAN JUAN) 7-5
1 - NY 100-80675 (CRC) 7-2
1 - NY 97-169 ("DAILY WORKER") 7-2
1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) 19-A
1 - NY 100-18673 (GEORGE WATT) 19-A
1 - NY 100-80398 (JULIAN LOWITT) 20-11
1 - NY 100-57644 (MERCEDES ARROYO) 7-2
1 - NY 100-68934 (JEAN SMITH) 29-4
1 - NY 100-80641 (CP USA ORGANIZATION) 12-14
1 - NY 100-89590 (CP USA STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY) 12-14
1 - NY 100-27582 (CP USA YOUTH MATTERS) 12-14
1 - NY 100-90029 [REDACTED] 12-16
1 - NY 100-FANNY (LNU) 7-6

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that they wanted somebody from the "Daily" to sit in on the meeting in order to follow the matter with an article in the "Daily".

According to the informant later that same afternoon, a meeting took place at CP National headquarters between MARTHA, GEORGE (believed to be GEORGE WATT) and JULIE (believed to be JULIAN LOWITT). The meeting concerned JULIE'S financial problem and he explained that he had not had any income for 2 weeks. He suggested that he receive a subsidy of about \$25 a week and MARTHA told him that he should wait until Monday (presumably 5/16/55) for a decision on the matter.

According to the informant on 5/13/55, MARTHA STONE, at CP National Headquarters, was in a discussion with PHIL BART and she commented that they would have to discuss raising bail money for the Puerto Rican Smith Act people.

According to the informant also on 5/13/55, MARTHA STONE asked JEAN SMITH to get a message out to all the members of the NAC to tell them that the next meeting of the NAC would be held at 10:30 AM on 5/24/55. She said that the agenda would include proposals on the mobilizing of the Party around the General Motors negotiations and added that the following week on Tuesday, May 31st, there would also be a meeting of the NAC at which time they would have a report on youth work.

Later that same day, according to the informant, MARTHA STONE met with GEORGE WATT at CP National Headquarters. He said that he had met with MERCEDES (believed to be MERCEDES ARROYO) that morning. MARTHA talked with WATT about the Puerto Rican Smith Act trials and stated that the trials would be in English and that the defense could not understand English.

In addition, on 5/13/55, according to NY 1475-S*, MARTHA STONE contacted one FANNY (ph). FANNY complained to her about her arthritis. MARTHA asked FANNY if [redacted] (possibly [redacted]) had told her that the job would require "living - in". FANNY replied that she been so

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informed. MARTHA then stated that she would need someone in September because IDA (not further identified) was leaving her at the end of June and she, MARTHA, would send her 10 year old son STEVIE away to camp until September. MARTHA and FANNY made arrangements to meet at 7:00 PM on Monday (presumably 5/16/55).

In the event it becomes necessary to disseminate this information, care should be taken to protect the informant's identity.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 7/27/55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/28, 27, 7/11, 18, 19, 20/55	REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM M. BOARMAN dek
TITLE PHILIP BART, was.			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C SMITH ACT OF 1940

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Records of Criminal Division, U. S. District Court for District of Columbia reflect that under date of July 12, 1955, a mandate of the U. S. Supreme Court was entered in Docket Number 1746-50, directing that a Judgment of Acquittal be filed in the case of PHILIP BART, setting aside his conviction on May 3, 1951, for violation of Section 192, Title 2, U. S. Code. Disposition sheet forwarded.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

On June 28, 1955, and again on July 11, 1955, Mr. [redacted] Clerk's Office, U. S. Supreme Court, was contacted by the writer to ascertain if an order had gone to the District Court setting aside the conviction of the subject. On the latter date, Mr. [redacted] said that the order had been sent, but that it might be sometime before the order would be entered in the docket. He further stated that no petition for a re-hearing had been filed.

Miss MARGARET RESE, Deputy Clerk, Criminal Division, United States District Court for the District of Columbia, said Docket Number 1746-50 available. This docket reflected that under date of July 12, 1955, a Mandate of the Supreme Court directed that a Judgment of Acquittal be filed in subject's case. This directive reversed the judgment of guilty in the conviction of PHILIP BART on May 3, 1951, for violation of Section 192, Title 2, United States Code.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED:	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
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ENCLOSURES:

Disposition sheet being forwarded to Bureau as an enclosure to this report.

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REFERENCES:

Report of SA WILLIAM M. BOANICMAN dated June 3, 1955, at
Washington, D. C.

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SAC, Chicago

7/28/55

SAC, New York (100-80641)12-14

CP USA ORGANIZATION
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NY 1475-S*, who is in a position to furnish reliable information concerning activities at CP National headquarters, 268 7th Avenue, NYC, advised that on 5/17/55, an individual believed to be PHIL BART stated that there was to be a national conference on youth in September. He said that a 3 day national conference should be called like the one which had been called the previous year with 1 day devoted to youth, 1 day devoted to political discussion and 1 day devoted to organization. He suggested that they use June, July and August to work out the complexities of the problem. Also in preparation of this 3 day conference he suggested having a meeting to discuss the matter with Chicago and then to return to layout a longer meeting which would culminate by the end of June in a meeting of the whole committee. This committee would consist of an unidentified man, MOLLY (believed to be MOLLY WEST) or NELLIE (believed to be LEON NELSON) and himself. At this point an unidentified man added that in this regard somewhere along the line a resolution on Negro work would probably be forth coming.

In the event it becomes necessary to disseminate this information, care should be taken to protect the informant's identity.

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- 1 - Chicago (100-MOLLY WEST)(RM)
- ① - NY (100-56579)(PHIL BART)19-A
- 1 - NY (100-63755)(LEON NELSON)7-5
- 1 - NY (100-80347)(MOLLY WEST)7-5
- 1 - NY (100-80644)(CP USA YOUTH MATTERS)12-14
- 1 - NY (100-79717)(CP USA POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)12-14
- 1 - NY (100-80640)(CP USA NEGRO QUESTION)12-14

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SAC, New York (100-68478)

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JAMES E. RAE^{ELLY}, SA

OSCAR JAMES
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According to NY 1475-S*, on 7/6/55, BERNIE (Believed to be BERNARD FRIEDLANDER), at the CP National Headquarters, was told that OSCAR (Believed to be OSCAR JAMES) was downstairs, and wanted to know if it was all right for him to come up. BERNIE stated that he should be sent up.

Later that same day, according to the informant, PHIL BART, was asked by someone via the inter-office telephone if FLETCHER (Believed to be OSCAR JAMES), was upstairs, but PHIL replied that he was not.

1- NY 100-22066 (BERNARD FRIEDLANDER) (7-6)

①- NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (19-A)

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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According to NY 1475-S*, on 7/6/55, BILL ALBERTSON, contacted PHIL BART at CP National Headquarters. He asked PHIL if he had spoken with HERB (Possibly HERB SIGNER), about the sedition case. PHIL said that he had, but they had reached no conclusion. He then added that he was leaving for California for ten days.

- 1- NY 100-50954 (HERBERT SIGNER)(12-14)
1- NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART)(19-A)

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LEWENT U. HARRIS
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NY 1475-S* advised that on 7/6/55, PHIL BART, at CP National Headquarters contacted LEWENT U. HARRIS and they spoke about a meeting they had had on Friday (Presumably 7/1/55). LEM told PHIL that he was taking a child out of town for the weekend, and would be able to keep an appointment he had with him on Friday (Presumably 7/8/55). LEM then asked if he could come in the next afternoon to see PHIL, and PHIL agreed.

According to the informant, HARRIS was contacted at Far Rockaway at FA 7-4005.

1- NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART)(19-A)

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SAC, Cleveland

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SAC, New York (100-11941)(7-5)

ANTHONY KRCHMAREK
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According to NY 1475-S*, who is in a position to furnish reliable information concerning activities at CP National Headquarters, 268 Seventh Ave., NYC, on 7/7/55, an unidentified man contacted PHIL BART at CP National Headquarters. They discussed a meeting that they had scheduled, which PHIL said was for the following day, but which the unidentified man insisted was for that present day. The unidentified man also said that PAT (Not otherwise identified) had come along with him. PHIL asked if PAT could stay overnight. At this PAT got on the phone and spoke with PHIL. He asked him if he could see him for one half hour that day and they agreed to a meeting at 5:45 PM at the bus terminal at 40th Street and 8th Ave., NYC, in the waiting room. PAT told him that he would catch the 8:00 PM train.

The informant further advised that later that same afternoon, PHIL BART contacted ANTHONY KRCHMAREK in Cleveland at Potomac 1-0583. PHIL spoke to KRCHMAREK regarding a promise he had made regarding money. KRCHMAREK stated that he would send it the following day. PHIL stated that they needed the money immediately.

In the event it becomes necessary to disseminate this information, care should be taken to protect the informant's identity.

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- 1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART)(19-A)
- 1 - NY 100-74560 (CP, USA, FUNDS)(19-A)
- 1 - NY 100- (PAT (LNU))(7-6)

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SAC, New York: (100-9365)(7-5)

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JAMES E. REILLY, SA

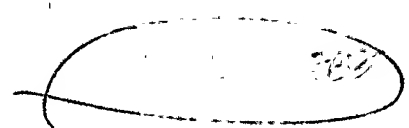
WILLIAM Z. FOSTER
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NY 693-S* advised that on 7/19/55, BILL (possibly WILLIAM Z. FOSTER) contacted PHIL BART at CP Headquarters and asked him when they were going to get together. PHIL replied that it would be in a day or so, as it would take a couple of days because they had some other matters to consider. It was agreed that the meeting would take place in the latter part of the week (presumably 7/21, 22, or 23/55).

1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART)(19-A)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI (100-3)

FROM: SAC, New York (100-80641)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
ORGANIZATION
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DATE: 8/3/55

On 6/29/55, NY 1440-S* made available photographic reproductions of information then in the possession of NED SPARKS, a leading functionary in the National CP Underground apparatus. Among documents in the possession of SPARKS was a nine page memo on "Notes on Party Organization", which is quoted for the information of the Bureau.

The author of this memo is unknown, however, on 3/3/55, NK.2010-S*, a source close to JACK KLING, a leading national CP underground functionary, furnished a seven point agenda for a three day discussion with PHIL BART, who according to CG 5824-S is acting as the Organizational Secretary of CPUSA. Certain of these points on the KLING-BART agenda are similar to the point discussed in "Notes on Party Organization".

This memo is as follows:

NOTES ON PARTY ORGANIZATION

In this memorandum, we single out for presentation those questions which appear to us as being major problems requiring analysis and new approaches.

- 1- Bureau (100-3-94) (CP USA Underground)
- 1- Bureau (100-3-75) (CPUSA Negro Question)
- 1- Bureau (100-3-89) (CPUSA Strategy in Industry)
- 1- Bureau (100-3-72) (CPUSA Political Activity)
- 1- Bureau (100-3-86) (Pamphlets and Publications)
- 1- NY (100-80640) (Negro Question)
- 1- NY (100-89590) (Strategy in Industry)
- 1- NY (100-79717) (Political Activity)
- 1- NY (100-81675) (Pamphlets and Publications)
- ①- NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART)
- 1- NY (100-9573) (NED SPARKS)
- 1- NY (100-96985) (Underground)
- 1- NY (97-163) (Daily Worker)
- 1- NY (100-19249) (JACK KLING)

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Letter to Director
NY 100-80641

1. The struggle for the Party's legality.
2. The Party's mass role and organization.
3. Concentration policy.
4. Party organization and the labor movement.
5. The Shop Club today.
6. Party organization among the Negro People.
7. Leadership to forces in mass organizations.
8. The Community Club and its role.
9. The Press.
10. Problems of leadership, cadre and methods of work.

The Struggle for the Party's Legality

The continuous, many-sided attack against our Party has taken its toll. The Party has temporarily suffered the loss or restrictions on many of its leading comrades; has suffered a continuing pattern of harassment with consequent periods of dislocation and aggravated organizational problems. The Party is smaller, its mass ties with certain sectors of the working class and the Negro people have been weakened. This is especially so in industry, where a whole system of unconstitutional repression has been built up.

In spite of the combined attacks of all three branches of the government against our Party, and although many severe inroads have been made on our Party's legal status and opportunities to function as a legal political party, our Party today in fact retains a considerable measure of legal opportunities for work (ability to publish, right to hold public meetings and operate headquarters, etc., although severely hampered and restricted). And the overwhelming bulk of our membership and lower echelons of leadership, while seeking measures of protection, are forced to function in a new manner. In middle-class areas and in certain working class and Negro communities, this organization in the smaller industrial urban centers as well as in the South is often functioning in as secure a fashion as possible.

Letter to Director
NY 100-80641

The passage of the "Brownell package", the Humphrey-Dies-Butler Bill seeking to outlaw the Communist Party, the upholding of the McCarran Registration Act by the Appellate Court, the arrests under the membership clause of the Smith Act, the Eisenhower-Brownell threat to "utterly destroy the Communist Party" foreshadow new blows against the Party. Such new blows, however, come in a political atmosphere which is characterized by a growing resistance to war and fascism. Mark Logan, in his article in the February, 1955, Political Affairs, points out;

"The past year was characterized by a two-sided development: an upsurge in the resistance to McCarthyism of great meaning and promise for turning the tide; and at the same time a sustained and systematic dismantling of the Bill of Rights by Congress, the Department of Justice and the courts. Both these features must be understood if greater victories are to be scored in the immediate period, and if the powerful currents of resistance are to merge and sweep on to important triumphs".

Within this two-sided development, the objective factors influencing the status of our Party are at work. The new blows need not succeed. In other words, even now the efforts of the ruling class to totally illegalize the Party can be resisted and defeated. Lingering tendencies of fatalism and defeatism with respect to the inevitability of the Party's total illegalization are one of the chief obstacles in overcoming many of our organizational problems. The situation requires that we seize the new opportunities for defeating all attempts to illegalize the Party and for establishing new relationships between the Party and the masses. At the same time, we must continue the day-to-day fight against repression and harassment, and for the protection of our membership and organization under all conditions.

Concerned, since the Supreme Court decision of 1951, lest our Party become a purely "defense organization", in practice and in fact our Party neglected and often failed to carry on

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an adequate fight in defense of its rights under the Bill of Rights. This in no small measure contributed to the weakness of our mass and legal struggle (the various Smith Act cases, the Amnesty fight, repeal of the Smith Act, the struggle against the McCarran Registration Act, etc.) and influenced negatively the Party's vanguard and independent role with unavoidable consequences to all areas of Party organization.

The Party's Mass Role and Organization

Foremost among the subjective factors influencing the status of our Party are two opposite tendencies expressing themselves in our mass work. On the one hand, attention is given only to what is happening in the broader mass movement, while ignoring the special problems of the Party's vanguard role within the people's movement, and the Party organization and special requirements of Party life and membership. On the other hand, seeing only the Party in its narrowest aspects in isolation from the mass movement, and seeing "liquidation" in every move to strengthen the Party's ties with non-party masses and the Party's work in the mass organizations of the people,

Both tendencies weaken our Party's influence and organization. It would be a mistake to think that weaknesses in Party organization result only from left-sectarianism. Even where mass ties exist, such contact with masses can become meaningless as a result of the dissolution of the Party's distinctive role and independent contribution in the fight for program and ideological clarity. Thus, Party organization can shrivel from right opportunism as well. We must strive for a correct combination of the fight for policy and mass role of the Party together with a fight for the Party itself,

Underestimation of the role of the Party, having its roots in and feeding upon the two tendencies described, aggravates a whole series of specific weaknesses which plague us:

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a) The failure to evolve a clear organizational policy in face of the changing political situation and the changing status of the Party; a gradual abandonment in some quarters of certain Leninist principles of organization; an alarming deterioration of the organizational work of the Party.

b) The separation between leadership and the membership, the break-down of political leadership to the clubs and sections; the substitution of bureaucratic methods of leadership for collective political leadership.

c) Serious ideological weaknesses manifesting themselves throughout the Party, intensified by the virtual liquidation of educational work and literature distribution, and an alarming and persistent decline in the circulation of the press.

Reports from the field furnish countless examples to illustrate these things, showing that the gravity of the situation is not overdrawn.

Concentration Policy

Despite a continuing formal emphasis on concentration, it must be candidly admitted that oftentimes it was little more than lip service, and given to lifeless, abstract approaches without a fight for the line. Nor has there been a grasp of what is necessary for true concentration. We are beset by the most serious problems we have faced in regard to our work in basic industry since the mid-thirties.

The application of our basically correct concentration policy has not only been formal, abstract and sporadic, but we have failed to come to grips with many new problems (the system of repression in industry today, the changing status of the left-led independent unions, etc.)

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Partly as a consequence of the disruptive effects of enemy attacks on our leadership, but mainly due to the absence of a consistently serious approach to concentration, the most elementary guidance to our work in the key basic mass production industries has been lacking. For example, there has been an absence of coordination to our work in steel with some grave deterioration in our positions in important steel plants and steel workers communities, spasmodic and weak coordination of our work in auto, and continuing neglect of coal mining.

We need a new initiative in our leadership on concentration tasks. The Party must be permeated with the sense that no section of our organization is absolved from the responsibility of strengthening the Party's ties with the working class - - its over-all influence, its organized following and in the Party's composition. At present, there are too many comrades in Party leadership whose knowledge and understanding of the issues confronting the working class is far too remote and abstract; there is an altogether insufficient integration of comrades from shops and trade unions in the policy-making bodies of the Party at all levels - - a problem of long standing, but now acute and dangerous.

All major Party political sub-divisions should be so constructed and so oriented that the main leading cadre, the main total resources, the bulk of political attention, the largest portion of available funds, all go to bulwark our present positions in industry, and to strengthen whatever inroads have been made among the working class of the basic and mass production industries. Part of the problem in regard to strengthening our ties with the working class today is to hold existing (and, in some instances, diminishing) bases, rejecting any tendencies toward retreat or retrenchment; on the contrary, to hold, strengthen and expand Party influence and ties, concretely in auto, steel, maritime in the first place, but also in packing, transport, metal mining, farm equipment, major electrical plants, textile, etc. Multiple opportunities for modest new beginnings exist in all of industry today.

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Thus, not only must the national leadership give its main attention and deploy its best cadre and appropriate sizeable funds to concentration districts, but every Party state committee and county committee must make the center of its "solar system" one or two industries around which the lower organizations of the Party and its mass work must gravitate, seek to supplement, nourish and buttress, however indirect or limited.

This total approach is of crucial importance not only with regard to the long-term historic role of our Party, but also with special regard to the tasks projected in the Party Program.

Party organization and the labor movement

The current developments in the trade union movement - the rising militancy of the working class, the merger between the AFL and CIO, and the trend of the independent industrial unions to amalgamate with AFL and CIO unions, require a sharp improvement in our work in industry and pose a whole group of problems for our Party in a new way. This necessitates: (a) Restating our Party relationship to the trade unions, (b) Re-examining methods of leadership under the new conditions. (c) Reviowing the functioning of the Party in industry and solving certain questions of method and form of Party organization.

Our Program states clearly our relationships to the trade unions in the U.S.:

"The Communist Party considers the emergence of a powerful trade union movement during these past two decades as the most important and positive development in our national life. We are proud to have helped build it and to be a part of it. As a working-class political party, we strive to influence the policies of the labor movement in a progressive direction and we deem it our right and duty to speak out against policies which we believe are harmful to labor and the nation. But we deny any intent to dominate or control the trade union movement and we recognize and respect its organizational autonomy and political independence.

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This remains as our guiding principle in the new situation. The recognition of the political independence and organizational autonomy of the trade union movement dictates the specific nature of our aims in the labor movement. (a) Communists are the best champions of the interests of the workers and are the best disciplined of any trade union members. By skilful presentation of our program and through the educational process, our comrades will attempt to win workers to progressive positions on all aspects of working class policy, within and outside the trade unions. (b) We aim to cultivate the broadest possible political understanding and initiative on the part of the trade unions, not placing narrow limits upon possible political development of the unions. (c) Within this framework, we do not organize the Party as such within the trade union proper (no trade union fractions). Party organization is based on an industry basis and in individual shops.

This placement of the relationships of our Party to the unions should serve to underscore the importance of our Party in industry, and in no sense should be taken to depreciate or minimize its role. On the contrary, the role of our shop and industrial clubs take on extraordinary importance to the new situation.

The combined efforts of the employers and government to force all Communists out of industries and the "red" purges by a number of unions have not succeeded to smash our Party in industry. But we have suffered some serious blows. In spite of the enemy's drive, our Party members are found in many plants and are active in the life of their unions. In this situation, where the individual cannot come forward as a Communist, it is more important than ever that the Party must appear, and must appear as the Communist Party, as an organized force working on behalf of the overall interests of the workers; and enhance the role of the individual Communists.

In the case of some Communists and left-wingers, workers will often defend their rights as individuals, mainly

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because they have earned this support by their dedicated service to the union and the interests of their fellow workers. Today, these same workers must be won to defend our Party as a whole. First, on the broadest democratic grounds, but also, through their coming to know the role of the Party as an organized detachment of the working class, as a Party of their own flesh and blood, as a consequence of the active presence of the Party organization in their shop.

Extremely important opportunities for defense of our Party are emerging in the action of the CIO calling for a "counter-attack in the field of civil liberties" and for an end of legislation that seeks to prevent the right to think and speak. New opportunities exist to marshal trade union support for the legal rights of our Party organization.

A more consistent and concrete leadership to the work of our shop and industrial clubs is urgently required, especially now to aid the struggle for a more progressive orientation in the historic merger and amalgamation movements now under way. The opportunities for work in an organically unified labor movement and the participation of progressive forces, including Communists, in the mainstream of organized labor, underscore the need for a new initiative in our trade union work and party organization.

Generally speaking, the form and structure of our Party organization must be such as to strengthen the possibility of our Party fulfilling all these objectives and bringing to life its policies.

The Shop Club Today:

...Most important criterion of the general organizational health of our Party is the strength of our shop clubs. For whatever reason, many of the district reports are not explicit on the question of relative number and strength of shop clubs. Their reports are mostly pre-occupied with the question of what is to be the role of the shop club.

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This is not accidental, nor is it necessarily unhealthy or a sign of retrogression. In some instances, it reflects an effort to grapple with the new problems facing our shop organizations; the conditions of maximum security, the changing relationships in the trade union movement, the new moods of militancy among the workers, etc. In other instances, absorption with definitions on the role of the shop club become a substitute for actual political leadership to the clubs and reflect a separation from the clubs, a loss of contact between leadership and the membership in the shops.

Let us take the new conditions of maximum security in the shops, a situation such as we have never faced before to quite the same degree. The impact of the general attacks against the Party are felt most acutely in the shops. But in addition, there are the effects of the Taft-Hartley law provisions, the Butler Bill provisions incorporated in the Communist Outlaw Act, persecutions by Congressional committees in industrial areas, government screenings in maritime and in plants with war contracts, non-Communist pledges and oaths as conditions of employment, anti-Communist constitutional provisions in certain unions and witch hunts of all kinds. A recent press report stated that under federal screening during the first two months of 1955, 4000 workers had been eliminated from industry for "subversive activity".

How our shop clubs can function under these conditions in such a way as to consolidate themselves as functioning groups, developing united front activities among the workers, advance the vanguard and independent role of our Party and yet merit the confidence of our individual member that his job is not placed in jeopardy by his membership and activity in the shop club - this is at the heart of the problem of the shop clubs today. Do we have the answers? Only partly! We are convinced that better answers can be found, but that no blue-print can be given on how shop clubs at large and under all conditions must function with maximum security in the shops today.

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In a general way, the answers to this problem are to be found within two areas: (a) The development of broad, tactical approaches in the fight for the right to job and livelihood, in the fight against the congressional vigilante committees and all repressive legislation, seeking united front actions on the shop and local union level, as well as in the higher councils and bodies of the trade unions and the labor movement, and including pressures and supporting actions by mass community organizations. (b) The development of new organizational measures which would serve to give greater protection to our shop workers.

There can be no minimizing of the host of severe organizational problems which the repressive pattern has forced on the life of our shop clubs and only Party leaders who are physically and politically remote from our industrial communities could fail to see this. However, it must be said that the pre-occupation with the admitted complexities of these organizational problems has often become sterile grouping for answers because it has not been accompanied by an appreciation of the new role and special importance of the Party as an organization functioning in industry today.

A proper political placement of the role of the Party as an organization in industry will have a two-fold effect. First, the whole Party will be mobilized to solve the problems of our Party in industry. This will mean that our leadership will be on the scene wrestling with these problems at first hand; this will mean that where our Party community organizations are in proximity to shops where we are at work, that they will help lend resources to cope with these organizational problems. Secondly, an approach which correctly places the functioning of the Party as an organization would bring to the fore the initiative and resourcefulness of our shop comrades themselves.

Party Organization Among the Negro People

The overall weakening of Party organization is mirrored in the Negro communities with even greater destructive effect

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than elsewhere. The registration statistics reveal an alarming drop in the Negro worker composition, and also reveal a slowness in shifting of members into Negro people's mass organizations.

The continued decline in our Negro membership and immediate influence arises not only out of the objective situation and as a result of the attacks against our Party, but also from the general decrease in the mass role of the Party in leading struggles for the economic, political and social rights of the Negro people. This reflects the remnants of white-chauvinism and a general underestimation of the danger of white chauvinism and its effects upon our mass work for Negro rights (as well as certain sectarian elements in our struggle against white chauvinism). It also reflects the left-sectarianism and isolation which has mainly characterized our work in the Negro communities, but where certain right opportunist errors of tailing reformist influences have also taken their toll.

In a memorandum on "The Party in the Negro Communities" prepared by a member of the National Committee, the cogent point is made;

"What is missed in explaining the status of the Party is the existence of mass movements of struggle among the Negro people on all fronts of the National liberation struggle and the central fact that our Party is not an organic part of this development asserting its vanguard role".

These and other accumulated ideological and political problems have had their impact upon the unsatisfactory state of our Negro work and impaired our ability to make a change for the better. In recent months, steps have been taken by our National Committee to resolve unclarities and to place more clearly the main ideological and political tasks before the Party in the fight for Negro rights, against white chauvinism and for Negro-white unity - most notably in the articles by Hastings-Mann, Stevens and Foster.

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Examining the status of the Party, sharp contradiction exists in the Negro communities, particularly in Harlem, South Side Chicago, in Los Angeles and Detroit, between the Party status and developments in the Negro liberation movement. With this as the starting point, each Negro community must be examined specifically and the particular answers for changing the situation found. While the Party's basic political and tactical line applies everywhere, the specific application of policy will vary in different places.

Turning to the loss of Negro workers, particularly in basic industry, here we find the most alarming situation. A concrete examination of the work of the Party in various industries and plants will bring to light many examples of the abandonment by white progressives of the fight for Negro rights.

Some of our shop clubs had not functioned for months and even years. The consequence of this was absence of concrete leadership to the developing struggles around issues of Negro rights; weak ties between the leadership and the membership, with some white comrades capitulating altogether; no collective leadership and work between Negro and white members in the plant; the absence of any ideological work on the Negro question for long periods of time.

In industry, generally, where our shop clubs do not meet regularly, often for "security considerations", it is not infrequently the unspoken concept that meetings of Negro and white together are difficult, if not impossible. This leads to dangerous and impermissible deterioration of ties between the Party organization and its Negro worker members. Certain sectors of our Party working under the most adverse conditions in the past four years have accumulated rich experience in coping with this problem, and should be drawn on to help overcome the situation in our industrial work.

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A qualitative change in building our Party among the Negro people must be brought about. Each district organization is called upon to undertake an examination of Negro work, using as the point of departure the aforementioned articles and the national memorandum on mass tasks. Simultaneously, every State committee must institute and insist upon a system of work in which political and organizational check up on all decisions in regard to our Negro work becomes a way of life.

Leadership to Forces in Mass Organizations

On the basis of the 1954 registration and the reports from the districts, we are able to estimate in an approximate way the extent to which our members participate in right-led organizations. The following facts stand out:

(a) The decision for placing greater emphasis on right-led organizations has been carried out to a greater or lesser degree in practically all areas, however, with a considerable lack of uniformity as to results.

(b) Lack of planning and organized deployment results in by-passing organizations of predominantly working class composition.

Shifting our members into mass organizations of working class composition still remains a key task, but we must take note of two incorrect tendencies:

(1) An arbitrary and abortive ignoring of left-led organizations. This has alienated certain progressive elements and facilitated the activities of Trotskyites and other camouflaged enemies of the working class.

(2) Failure to provide leadership to our forces at work in the mainstream. Lack of experience and guidance has also led to certain crude, sectarian errors.

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The main task today with respect to working in the mainstream is the content and quality of our work, learning to fulfill our vanguard role among conservative-led masses. Mechanical and arithmetical approaches to "shifting to the mainstream" do not suffice; on the contrary, they distort the objectives of our Party program. These problems can only be solved in the lower Party organizations and by the closest attention on the part of the leadership to the political and ideological work of the club.

The Community Club:

The existing situation with regard to the community club is seriously undermining our capacity to realize our Party program. It demands a revitalized approach to the club and its mass work. Literally hundreds of clubs throughout the country are not meeting. The clubs are bedevilled by a myriad of problems: lack of perspective, lack of leadership, poor ties with leading committees, ideological and political unclarities, the seeming conflict between "security" and "mass activities", etc.

The fight for the Party, today, must begin with the fight to re-establish our clubs. We must take extraordinary measures to involve the thousands of members who are not now attached to clubs, and the many more not attending meetings and not participating in the Party's work. This task must be placed high on the order of business before every leading committee. And since there has been no common approach or sustained attention to club problems for a considerable period of time, it is necessary to reassert some elementary principles with regard to club organization:

(a) The size of the club depends upon political and practical considerations.

(b) We must guarantee that every club has a chairman, the leader of the club, who shall also be the main link to the section committee. This comrade shall be responsible

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for the political work of his club, for the activity of its members and for its regular functioning (planned agendas, dues payments, press circulation, literature, etc.),

(c) Every club must seek to develop a four-point program:

(1) Certain appropriate tasks in relation to the industrial concentration of the area.

(2) Guidance and leadership to those of its members who belong to mass organizations. The club must guarantee that its members have ties with non-Party people, in trade unions, mass organizations, or where this is not possible (as it is with many hundreds of our members) through systematic cultivation of a small circle of non-Party friends in the neighborhood itself.

(3) Most neglected of all, that work which falls under the heading of "Party building" - primarily, circulation of press and literature, mobilizations for Party candidates, mass meetings and other forms of independent activity and Party defense.

(4) None of these tasks can be fulfilled unless the ideological and educational work of the club is at the heart of every meeting. This cannot be left to the devices of each club leader, though use of Political Affairs and the Daily Worker should be main instruments for our ideological work.

A healthy club - this is, the club whose membership and work will thrive - must have all four of these component elements.

The Press

For the past few years we have had a steep, persistent and alarming decline in the circulation of the Marxist press and literature. Here again, it is not enough to attribute this deterioration alone to the enemy's attacks. The attacks have been mainly through

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persecution of the distributors and subscribers to the press. We must also warn that now new governmental attacks are being pushed in Congress and by the postal authorities against the paper itself, in addition to the fact that they have been using the Smith Act against the editors of the Daily Worker and the People's World. However, the near disastrous slump in circulation is also a reflection of the overall unsatisfactory organizational picture in our Party and reveals deep-going weaknesses in our struggle on the ideological and political front.

In a number of industries, there have been a few notable instances of regular factory-gate sales and distributions over the past years underscoring the fact that much of the decline is due to subjective factors. These include failure to develop a year-around sustained approach to circulation, only faltering efforts bordering on passivity to develop bundle orders and person-to-person delivery in place of lost mail subscriptions. Together with this, has been the inexcusable and harmful absence of a struggle to make every Party member a regular reader of the press. Club after club has absolutely no place in its activities for the Daily and Sunday Worker, neither in its own internal life, or in its mass activities, except during periods of the drive.

An article in the New York Party Voice on the press placed it properly when it declared: "An examination of the overwhelming majority of Party bodies . . . proves one solid fact and that is political neglect".

We cannot add to the excellent plans on building the press brought forward at the August, 1953 National Party Conference, except to bluntly state we must check the empty nonsense about the difficulties with respect to press circulation and the repetitive decisions and concentrate on executing the decisions of the Party. Here, more than in any other area of Party work we find numerous expressions of opportunism in practice and capitulation to difficulties.

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No Party club can fulfill its role without a Worker circulation larger than its membership. There can be no fight for the Party without a fight for the Marxist press.

Problems of Leadership, Cadre and Methods of Work

The accumulated problems and pressures of recent years have aggravated many problems of leadership, cadre and methods of work. Any long term and fundamental improvement in the organizational work of our Party requires that we overcome certain chronic weaknesses that have become acute.

At this juncture we direct attention to four key problems that require drastic measures:

(1) Dangerous gaps have developed between the leadership and the lower organizations and basic membership of our Party. There must be a bolder deployment of leading cadre to positions of direct leadership in the main working-class areas, with day-to-day involvement in the work of the lower Party organizations. The time is past due for a reinvigorated struggle against bureaucratic methods and for higher standards of collective work.

(2) A systematic refreshment of leading cadre is urgently required. Generally, it must be said that the Party cadre stood up well in the past four years meeting many tests. Many comrades took on responsibilities for which they were not always entirely prepared and fulfilled them with honor, especially in those districts where they replaced comrades assigned to other posts or sent to jail. A large number of cadre have experienced important growth in the recent past.

However, side by side with this positive development, many weaknesses are evident in regard to promotion of leadership and training of new cadre. There has been a harmful absence of promotion and cooption of comrades with shop and trade union experience who are sorely needed in every

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leading committee. And where such comrades have held formal membership on committees, provisions were not made to guarantee their full participation. Certain special opportunities have presented themselves in this respect by the recent amalgamation developments in the trade union movement where trained and proven trade union comrades have become available for direct Party leadership.

(3) A better, bolder, and more serious effort to promote and involve Negro cadre in all leading committees. The past years have seen certain very positive steps taken in this respect, particularly at the national level, and the Party has demonstrated that ruling class harassment and terror cannot break the unshakeable unity and collective work of our Negro and white leadership. However, in many districts, and even to an extent in certain national bodies of leadership, there have been grave weaknesses. Symptomatic is the case of a leading Negro member of the California State Committee. We cite this example for the lessons it holds for the whole Party, quoting from the state board statement which speaks for itself:

"The state and county leadership, in assigning a leading Negro comrade to assume a responsible post in a difficult situation, did not take the necessary steps to guarantee that he could assume his role of leadership in an atmosphere of comradely cooperation and collective work, and did not give him the necessary assistance afterwards to help solve the difficult political and organizational tasks. This was especially serious because A's assignment came on the background of the removal of another leading Negro comrade . . . The State Board acted as though the assignment of another Negro comrade to fill the same post absolved it of any further responsibility, as though this alone guaranteed that there would be a struggle against white chauvinism, or that this assignment guaranteed that there could be no white chauvinist attitudes toward the leading comrade given such a responsible position".

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Here we have one expression of our weaknesses with regard to Negro cadre. In the section dealing with our Negro work, we called attention to other ramifications - particularly in the New York organization with respect to Harlem.

(4) We must end the neglect of training new cadre with an eye to solving certain basic questions:

(a) On a selective basis, comrades should be given training in Marxism-Leninism under the guidance of leading national and district cadre, while they fulfill responsibilities for specific fields of Party work. Year-long training programs for such comrades are the best answer under present conditions, on the basis of having every leading person in a district committee responsible for others for purposes of organized supervision. Chief attention should be paid to comrades from industry, Negro and white, and to youthful cadre.

(b) A whole new generation of club leaders need to be trained and developed, who grasp the Party Program, are grounded in our theory, can guide our membership among the masses and can protect and defend the Party under all conditions.

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Our political line is a sound one. Important new opportunities have opened up for advancing the program of our Party. All our efforts must be directed to strengthen the Party organizations, to raise the entire activity of the Party in all spheres and seeing to it that decisions do not remain a dead letter.

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TO : SAC, New York (100-56579)(19-A)

FROM : JAMES E. REILLY, SA

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
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DATE: 8/3/55

NY 1475-S*, advised that on 7/22/55, PHIL BART was speaking with TOM (Possibly HERMAN WOOLLEY), who was at the CP National Headquarters.

The informant also advised that on that same day, MAC (Believed to be MAC GORDON), contacted PHIL BART who expressed his sympathy over something that had happened to MAC's mother. MAC asked PHIL if he had heard the news from RALPH (Believed to be RALPH GLICK), and PHIL stated that another fellow who had been in that morning, had told him about it. MAC said that his mother was in a hospital in Spring Valley. He also told PHIL that he would be up in a few minutes to see him.

Later that same morning according to the informant, RENA (Believed to be RENA BURTON KLEIN), contacted PHIL BART at CP Headquarters, and told him that CONNIE (Believed to be CONNIE BART), had called her the previous day and invited her to dinner but she had been unable to make it because her husband (Believed to be JEROME KLEIN) was working and as a result she was unable to make it.

According to the informant later that same afternoon, [] (Believed to be []), was at CP National Headquarters. She told PHIL BART that she now lived in the area of 158th St., and Riverside Dr. BART commented to [] that "we" were going to take RENA BURTON's place, but it only has four rooms. He added that where they live now is very inconvenient since they live between IRT and the BMT, seven blocks from one and almost as far from the other. [] asked PHIL BART if he knew whether or not SARAH SCHERER had a car and PHIL said that he thought that they did have a car. [] remarked that she thought SARAH was now working part time but she was not sure. According to the informant [] commented that she could be reached at TU 2-4991.

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According to EDWARD L. BRAUNE, legal agent for the NY

- 1- NY 100-21259 (MAC GORDON)(12-6)
- 1- NY 100-16854 (RALPH GLICK)(19-A)
- 1- NY 100-119285 (HERMAN WOOLLEY)(20-13)
- 1- NY 100-50804 (RENA BURTON KLEIN)(19-A)
- 1- NY 100-12959 (CONNIE BART)(12-15)
- 1- NY 100-79788 (JEROME KLEIN)(12-16)
- 1- NY 100-90029 [](12-16)
- 1- NY 100-62329 (SARAH SCHERER)(12-14)
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Telephone Co., 140 W. St., the above telephone number is registered to EDNA WINSTON, 2820 Bronx Park East, and is a special non-published number.

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TO : SAC, New York (100-56579)

DATE: August 3, 1955

FROM : Director, FBI (100-3284)

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
SMITH ACT OF 1940

Reur Form FD-122 dated July 22, 1955. The only information on this Form is the wording "Verification Pending" under the caption "Miscellaneous."

The present Security Index card on Bart reflects his current address as 120 Avenue N, Brooklyn, New York, and his business address as Organizational Secretary and Treasurer, GP, USA.

You should resubmit Form FD-122 showing clearly the change, if any, to be made on Bart's Security Index card. If his residence or business address is presently unknown, this fact should be shown on the Form FD-122.

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ROBERT CLARK JOHNSTON
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NY 693-S*, who is in a position to furnish reliable information concerning activities at CP Headquarters, 268 Seventh Ave., NYC, advised that on 7/22/55, an individual who described himself as "BOB, the farmer" (believed to be ROBERT CLARK JOHNSTON) attempted to contact PHIL BART at CP Headquarters, but BART was not available. He left a message that PHIL should contact him and stated that PHIL had his phone number.

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MARTHA STONE
IS - C

NY 1475-S*, who is in a position to furnish reliable information concerning activities at the CP National Headquarters, 263 Seventh Ave., NYC, advised that on 7/25/55 an individual believed to be MARTHA STONE at CP National Headquarters asked [] (believed to be []) to connect her with GEORGE BLAKE. She asked GEORGE BLAKE if he could come upstairs, but he told her that he had a luncheon appointment with a Catholic Priest at around 12. However, he stated that he would come up to see her before he left.

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She then asked [] to get IZZY WOPSY, but she was advised that he had gone to lunch, and would return in an hour.

The informant further advised that later that same day, the individual believed to be MARTHA STONE contacted ABE MAGIL at CP National Headquarters. He stated that he would be in until around 4:00 PM, and she said that she wanted to see him and would try to get there before he left. She asked if the "old man" (indicated by the informant to be WILLIAM Z. FOSTER) was in and ABE said that he had been in for about an hour or so, and left an article for her on her desk. ABE also said that he and PHIL (believed to be PHIL DART) had talked with [] for about an hour. ABE stated that he did not know if the "old man" would be coming in the next day.

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- 1 - New Haven (100-14795 (MARTHA STONE) (RM)
- 1 - NY 100-50806 (GEORGE BLAKE CHARNLEY) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-19679 (IZZY WOPSY) (19-A)
- 1 - NY 100-9352 (ABE MAGIL) (12-14)
- ① - NY 100-56579 (PHIL DART) (19-A)
- 1 - NY 100- [] (7-6)

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SAC, New York (100-56579)19-A

PHIL BART
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NY 1475-Sa, who is in a position to furnish reliable information concerning activities at CP National headquarters, 268 7th Avenue, NYC, advised that on 7/15/55, LEM (believed to be LEMENT U. HARRIS) contacted PHIL BART at CP National headquarters and stated that he was coming right over to see him. According to the informant later that morning BART asked an unidentified man (possibly LEMENT HARRIS) if he had seen SHORTY (believed to be JOHN STEUBEN). The man said that he had seen SHORTY the previous day and that SHORTY did not look well.

Later that same day, according to the informant, BART stated that there would be a large NAC meeting in New York on August 2 and 3, 1955, and a one point agenda. He said there was to be a ~~big~~ meeting on August 4th. BART also said that he planned to be in Chicago right after the 4th of August.

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- 1 - Newark (100-JOHN STEUBEN)(RM)
- 1 - NY 100-7658 (LEMENT U. HARRIS)20-13
- 1 - NY 100-80634 (CP USA FARM MATTERS)12-14
- 1 - NY 100-80641 (CP USA ORGANIZATION)12-14
- 1 - NY 100-14888 (JOHN STEUBEN)7-5

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SAC, New York (100-80641) 12-14

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SA JAMES E. REILLY

CP USA ORGANIZATION
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NY 1475-S* advised that on 7/19/55, PHIL BART at CP National headquarters made the following statements: "NELLIE (believed to be LEON NELSON) is Executive Secretary while this guy is Organizational Secretary (this latter individual was not further identified)".

- 1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART)19-A
- 1 - NY 100-63755 (LEON NELSON)7-5

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SAC, New York (100-66211)

MARTHA STONE
IS - C

NY 693-S*, who is in a position to furnish reliable information concerning activities at CP Headquarters, 268 Seventh Ave., NYC, advised that on 7/25/55, ARTHUR ZIPSER contacted [] (believed to be [] at CP Headquarters. He said that he wanted her to tell both PHIL BART and MARTHA STONE to be in the office at 1:00 PM that day as FOSTER (believed to be WILLIAM Z. FOSTER) would be in and wanted to see them.

The informant further advised that later that same date, JACK (possibly BENJAMIN DVOSIN) contacted MARTHA STONE at CP Headquarters and asked to speak to GEORGE WATT. MARTHA stated that WATT was out, but was expected to return at 4:00 PM.

The informant also advised that later that same date MARTHA STONE contacted ABE MAGIL at CP Headquarters and stated that she would be in the office at 4:00 PM. She asked ABE if the old man, FOSTER, had been in. ABE stated that he and PHIL (believed to be PHIL BART) had spoken with him for an hour.

According to the informant, also on 7/25/55, PEGGY DENNIS contacted [] at CP Headquarters and asked for MARTHA. [] stated that MARTHA was not in that morning and PEGGY stated that she would call the next morning to see MARTHA as she was anxious to contact her.

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- 1 - New Haven (100-14795) (MARTHA STONE) (RM)
- 1 - NY 100-81450 (ARTHUR ZIPSER) (12-16)
- ① - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (19-A)
- 1 - NY 100-9365 (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-79967 (BENJAMIN DVOSIN) (19-A)
- 1 - NY 100-18673 (GEORGE WATT) (19-A)
- 1 - NY 100-9352 (ABE MAGIL) (12-14)
- 1 - NY 100-93796 (PEGGY DENNIS) (12-16)
- 1 - NY 100- [] (7-6)

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CG 5824-S orally advised SA CARL N. FREYMAN 8/5
Inst. that CLAUDE MACK LIGHTFOOT, Chairman of the Illinois-
Indiana District, will arrive in Chicago from New York on
evening of 8/5 inst. and will depart for Detroit 8/6 next.
PHIL BART will arrive at Detroit on 8/6 inst. and will
remain two days to work with LIGHTFOOT on organizational
problem of Michigan District leadership which the Party
considers to be the key organizational problem of the Party
today. LIGHTFOOT will return to Chicago next Tuesday or
Wednesday, will go to his country home in Michigan for two
days next week, and will again return to Detroit toward
the end of next week.

Above for info.

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cc: 2-New York (RM)
100- (CP-USA, Organization)
100- (PHIL BART)

CG 61-867 (CLAUDE MACK LIGHTFOOT)
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-18953)
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DATE: 8-10-55

Extreme care should be used in reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of the informant.

CG 5824-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally furnished the following information to SA JOHN E. KEATING on August 6, 1955.

Time, Type, and Place of Meeting

CG 5824-S advised that a conference on organization of the Communist Party, USA was held in the central office in the CP National Headquarters in New York City on Monday, August 1, 1955, starting at approximately 10 a.m.

Persons in Attendance

CG 5824-S advised that in addition to the informant, the following persons were present at this meeting:

PHIL BART, who holds a position equivalent to National Organizational Secretary of the CP and is a member of the National Administrative Committee of the CP;

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100-3-68 (CP, USA - Membership)

4 - Boston (REGISTERED)
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 - 1 - 100- ("Daily Worker")
 - 1 - 100- (HYMAN LUMER)
- 6 - Detroit (REGISTERED)
 - 1 - 100- (CP - Organization)
 - 1 - 100- (CP - Negro Question)
 - 1 - 100- (CP - Pamphlets and Publications)
 - 1 - 100- ("Daily Worker")
 - 1 - 100- (SOL WELLMAN)
 - 1 - 100- (HELEN WINTER)
- 2 - Indianapolis (REGISTERED)
 - 1 - 100- (CP - Pamphlets and Publications)
 - 1 - 100- ("Daily Worker")
- 2 - Los Angeles (REGISTERED)
 - 1 - 100- (CP - Organization)
 - 1 - 100- (CP - Negro Question)
- 4 - Minneapolis (REGISTERED)
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- 2 - New Haven (REGISTERED)
 - 1 - 100- (CP - Pamphlets and Publications)
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1 - 100-81675 (CP - Pamphlets and Publications)
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1 - 100-26603 (CP - District #2)
1 - 100- (Harlem Region)
1 - 100- ("Daily Worker")
~~1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)~~
1 - 100-9365 (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER)
1 - 100-21259 (MAX GORDON)
1 - 100-80398 (JULIAN LOWITT)
1 - 100- (BOB)
1 - 100- (ANDY REMES)
1 - 134-91 (NY 694-S) (Info.)

4 - Philadelphia (REGISTERED)
1 - 100- (CP - Organization)
1 - 100- (CP - Pamphlets and Publications)
1 - 100- ("Daily Worker")
1 - 100- (JACK ZUCKER)

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MAX GORDON, Managing Editor of the
"Daily Worker";

JULIAN LOWITT, of the Labor Youth League;

BOB _____, representing the New York
District of the CP in the place of LEON
NELSON, who was on vacation. BOB, whose
last name is not known to the informant, is
described as follows: age 40-42, height 5'6",
weight 140 pounds, medium build, brown hair,
grayish-blue eyes, does not wear glasses nor
a mustache, has been in the Party movement
for many years;

ANDY REMES, of New Century Publishers;

SID LIPSHIRES, District Organizer of the
New England District;

HY LUMER, representing the Ohio District;

SOLLY WELLMAN and HELEN WINTER, representing
the Michigan District;

JACK ZUCKER, representing the Eastern
Pennsylvania District.

Security Measures

CG 5824-S advised that portions of the discussion at
this conference were carried on by the use of a blackboard.
Furthermore, each person present also had a small slate and
pads and pencil in order to transmit messages, which were subse-
quently destroyed.

Purpose of the Conference

CG 5824-S advised that the purpose of this conference
was to examine organizational structures. Actually this confer-
ence should have followed the national CP conference of August
2 and 3, 1955, so that those present would have had the benefit

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of the political discussions which were to take place on the following two days. In addition to examining the organizational structures, this conference had as an additional purpose the translation of the political aims of the National Administrative Committee of the CP into organizational reality.

Agenda

In line with the purpose of this conference, the two main points on the agenda were organizational problems and the Party press.

Report on Organization by PHIL BART

CG 5824-S advised that the main report at this meeting was given by PHIL BART and that BART gave a brief resume of the political situation which necessitates organizational changes.

BART stated that the general work and defense of the CP must be examined in the light of the developments of the Four Power Conference in Geneva, Switzerland. He pointed out that in view of the changing international situation, some changes should be made in subsequent court decisions with regard to the previous acceptance by the courts that Communists present a clear and present danger to the security of the United States.

It was further pointed out that while the CP has been operating under repressive conditions imposed by the Mc Carran Act, the Smith Act, and various of the sedition laws, the CP has made some gains in spite of these repressive measures. Although recognizing that there is still a real fight ahead, the Party is going to press in an attempt to win some of its legal battles and is also going to attempt to extend its influence by winning back some of the old members and will even recruit some new members.

Four Organizational Measures to be Points of Concentration

BART stated that four measures will be undertaken to strengthen the Party organizationally: (1) a registration and the ascertaining of the status of the membership; (2) a

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reorganization of Party clubs and the leadership of the Party clubs, particularly in the community sections; (3) a check-up on all dues payments and all records of dues payments; (4) an examination of the relationship of the Party clubs to the higher organizational bodies of the Party, such as the section or the region.

(CG 5824-S learned that in the New York District a region is often synonymous with a county, while the Illinois-Indiana District is about the only district currently using the term division as either being synonymous with a section or to designate an organizational group midway between a section and a region).

Need for Strengthening of
Party Organization

BART, according to the informant, underlined the fact that for the past four years the CP has had no full statistical or analytical examination of its membership. He also stated that during these four years the most elementary principles of the Party organization went by the board. He stated that this could be attributed to a lack of qualified functionaries, most of whom went into an underground status. He stated that he was speaking primarily of the middle leadership and not the top functionaries with regard to organizational problems. He further cited a lack of a national approach to the problems of organization.

BART stated that actually there has been no regular registration by the Party during the past four years although in some districts, such as Illinois, a partial registration was conducted by the District. He stated that the failure to have registrations is due to the fact that the leadership in the various districts have had little or no contact with the rank and file members.

It is the opinion of the national leadership of the CP that even in the face of attacks against the Party, the losses of membership during the past four years were far greater than was necessary. It is felt that the main reason for this can be attributed to subjective factors, such as incompetent or

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inexperienced personnel and a looseness in organization, which meant that even the most elementary records were not kept concerning matters of income and expenses.

Development of Bureaucracy in
CP Leadership

BART stated that a bureaucracy has developed in the CP in the name of security and the safeguarding of the Party. He stated that in many districts the district committee as such is not functioning and in fact this is true of most districts, except for the larger ones. He further stated that even district boards do not meet in some districts, using the excuse of "security". BART stated that such a situation feeds a bureaucracy and hinders the involvement of active people. He further stated that we must open the fight against bureaucracy and the neglect of elementary organizational principles.

Reregistration of Old Members

BART stated that the "center" is convinced that if an effort is made, a large number of CP members who are now passive can be reregistered and brought into activity once again. He also pointed out that in most districts activity and membership at the present time are confined to the main cities, while some small towns are completely neglected.

The "center" is going to suggest that various districts single out certain categories of old members in order to get them registered and activized once more. A particular industry or trade union or Negro neighborhood might be singled out in some districts. It was suggested that New York concentrate on Harlem, Chicago on the Negro areas on the south side, and that Cleveland, Detroit, and Los Angeles concentrate on their Negro neighborhoods.

CG 5824-S advised that in BART's report and in the discussion period, the following questions were posed with regard to the reregistering of old members and the following answers were arrived at:

1. What should be done with old members who will be reregistered? It was decided that the answer to this question will have to be worked out in the future. It may be necessary to

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form new clubs of reregistered members and not attach them to old clubs until they have been retrained and checked for security. Another suggestion was that a reregistered member be attached temporarily to only one individual while checks are made on the reregistered member's loyalty to the Party, political outlook, etc.

2. What standards should be established for a member who is rejoining the Party? No definite answer was arrived at for this question; however, it was decided that for a rank and file member the Party cannot use the same standards that prevailed in 1951 and 1952, that is, absolute obedience to the Party, no questions asked, be prepared to go underground, etc. At that time the slogan was to retain ten percent of the membership and lose ninety percent, while at the present time this percentage should be reversed; therefore, less stringent standards will have to be established.

3. Should the CP open the door wide to old members, taking in all who are willing to register, or should the Party retain the rigidity of the California District, where all old members reregistered have to pay all back dues and fill out a questionnaire covering their activities during the preceding six years? The following answer was decided upon for these questions: A committee should be established for each section, region, and district. These committees will decide on each individual as to whether he will or will not be taken back into the Party. These committees will function similarly to review commissions. The purpose of this arrangement will be to avoid a too great rigidity and yet to avoid vagueness, and as a result each case will be decided on its merits.

4. Should there be a requirement for the payment of back dues by old members who are reregistered? It was decided to demand that three months' back dues and the assessment for the current year be paid by all old members who are reregistered. At the same time, however, it was decided to use a common-sense approach to this matter in the event that it is obvious that the member cannot pay this amount.

National CP Registration

At this conference it was suggested that each district start preparation for the reregistration of old members

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during the months of September and October, with the actual registration of all CP members to be carried out during the month of November, or at the latest by December 15, 1955. The idea is to have the registration problem solved by the end of the year so that this problem will not stand in the way of the big Party campaign for 1956.

CG 5824-S advised that the question was asked whether there should be a base figure established for CP membership in each district. It was decided that no base figure should be established at the moment inasmuch as the CP is not sure of its own statistics and considers that they are not very reliable. Since any figure would be arbitrary, it was decided to just fight for an increased membership and a base figure for each district will be established at a later date. The general feeling is that with a uniform national registration, the membership figure will necessarily be larger than it was last year.

Uniform Registration Form

A uniform registration form designed to elicit certain information from members, such as sex, race, trade union affiliation, membership in other mass organizations, length of time in the Party, etc., has been prepared. While this form may be revised somewhat, it will not be altered basically. (This form will be made available to the Bureau and the New York Office in the immediate future).

Recruiting of New CP Members

At this meeting it was decided that it is too dangerous to established clubs to recruit new members on a wholesale basis; therefore, no mass recruiting campaign is planned. The Party leadership, however, will recommend the conducting of regular sustained recruiting of important individuals. Furthermore, it is planned to ask colonizers scattered in various places throughout the country to bring into the Party some new people with whom they have made acquaintances.

Organization and Functioning of Clubs

As the basic organization of the Party, it was decided that the organization and functioning of clubs need to be discussed and examined. It was brought out that many clubs in small cities function with no leadership and that there is no

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uniformity throughout the districts with regard to what functionaries a Party club should have. Therefore, there is a need to establish uniformity in the size of clubs and in the size and type of club leadership. Since the New York District has the largest clubs from the standpoint of membership with an average of ten members per club, this district suggested that the size of a club should number anywhere between six to ten members, with the following suggestions for club leaders:

1. A PEL man to handle the press, education, and literature;
2. A club organizer;
3. A club secretary.

Election of Club and Section Leaders

A suggestion was made and generally approved that leadership at club and section levels should be elected by the membership in an attempt to break down the Party bureaucracy previously referred to.

Geographical Organization of Sections and Regions

Another suggestion which was made and generally approved was that sections and/or regions be organized on a Congressional District basis or in large cities on a Ward basis in order to combine organizational work with political activities.

Dues and Party Records

CG 5824-S advised that it was brought out at this meeting that at least until the United States Supreme Court ruling on the Mc Carran Act, the National Leadership will insist that dues records be kept and that receipts be given for dues payment; however, some control will be established for these receipts. The reason for this is that some people have become too lax in the handling of Party funds. It is also believed that the maintenance of dues records will improve dues receipts

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since the failure to maintain records meant that no one knew what each member had paid and still owed; furthermore, in many cases no denominations were used in reporting dues payments to the National Office.

Revising of Dues Denominations

CG 5824-S advised that a suggestion was made that the categories of dues denominations be revised and that the 15¢ and \$1.25 categories be eliminated; therefore, the following categories are contemplated:

1. 50¢, which will be the lowest monthly figure unless there is mass unemployment;
2. \$1 per month for those earning up to \$60 per week;
3. \$2 per month for those earning up to \$80 per week;
4. \$3 per month for those earning up to \$100 per week;
5. \$10 per month for those earning more than \$100 per week.

With regard to the latter category, however, it will be retained although the Party does not have very many people in this category. It was stated at this meeting that 75 to 80 percent of the membership are in categories 1 and 2.

The informant stated that it appears that the Party will follow through on this suggestion despite a big debate which arose on this question at this meeting because there is a clause in the constitution of the CP, USA, which states that only a national convention can modify dues payments. It was decided, however, that democratic centralism gives the National Leadership inherent powers to change the dues payments since the constitution places the National Leadership in charge of the CP treasury.

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Tasks of District Leaders

The informant advised that the discussion of organization problems concluded with a discussion of the tasks of the district leaders. A problem to be solved by the leadership of the various districts is the methods to be used to keep in touch with and maintain some contact with various clubs in the district. One suggestion was that a uniform system of leadership be established in each district, such as regional committees composed of section organizers. It was decided that district committees must pay more attention to the middle cadres, that is, the regional and sectional committees. However, there is still the problem of reaching the lower cadres in order to give them the necessary political and organizational understanding and yet remain within the realm of security.

It was brought out at this meeting that some districts such as Eastern Pennsylvania, particularly in Philadelphia, held a dozen open forums during the past year. These forums are called for a specific purpose but actually are not designed for this purpose, but are designed to discuss certain Party problems. Leading CP members of this district raise these problems in the forum and the Party members present are able to understand the points being established by the leadership.

Summary of Organization Problems

In summarizing the portion of this meeting dealing with organization problems, CG 5824-S stated that the big question in the Party at this time is how to utilize what are considered new conditions and opportunities for legality with a certain amount of security. The CP feels that it made an inaccurate estimate of the political situation in 1951 when it decided to drop 90 percent of the membership and keep only 10 percent, or the "hard core". Now the Party will probe at the lowest level to find lost membership and it has been suggested that WILLIAM Z. FOSTER send a letter addressed to all Party members in which he will make an appeal for as many members as possible.

CP Press

CG 5824-S advised that the report on the CP press was given by MAX GORDON. He pointed out that the drive for press

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circulation must be continued on a year-round basis. GORDON cited the following figures:

"The Worker"

At the end of the press drive 15 weeks ago, the total of "Worker" subscriptions was 10,300. During the 15 week period since the end of the drive a total of 1,350 "Worker" subscriptions have been received, for an average of approximately 95 per week. GORDON stated that the average should have been 150 per week in order to reach projected figures; therefore, they are currently running behind by about 800 subs.

GORDON stated that the bundle situation for "The Worker" is a good deal worse and instead of a total of 10,000 planned for the present time, the total has declined to 7,150. GORDON stated that this compares with a total of 7,400 at the conclusion of the drive 15 weeks ago. In concluding the figures on "The Worker", GORDON stated that there has been a persistent drop in over-all circulation. The total circulation in June, 1954, was 24,300 and it was 22,000 in June, 1955.

"Daily Worker"

GORDON stated that the circulation of the "Daily Worker" has reached a historic low with a $6\frac{1}{2}$ percent drop in circulation during the past year. He stated that the total circulation in bundles and subscriptions in June, 1954, was 8,341 and in June, 1955, was 7,787 and is probably even lower at the present time. He further stated that they had 2,200 subscriptions at the end of the press drive and have received 430 more subscriptions during the 15 weeks subsequent to the end of the drive. This amounts to an approximate average of 30 subscriptions per week, whereas the average should have been 55 per week to meet the projected figures. He stated that more subscriptions were obtained in 1954 than during 1955 and that the Party as a whole is not taking the drive for subscriptions seriously.

Status of Press Drives in Various Districts

Minnesota

GORDON cited Minnesota as one district which has done an outstanding job on the press drive. He stated that Minnesota

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had a goal of 200 "Worker" subscriptions, has reached 315 subscriptions thus far, and expects to double this figure of 315. GORDON stated that Minnesota obtained three times the number of subscriptions after the end of the drive than they did during the drive itself. He emphasized that Minnesota Party members went out among the old subscribers and not only obtained subscription renewals but also saw this as a means of talking to people to increase the extent of the influence of the CP to possibly reregister old members and to prepare for the election campaign of 1956.

Eastern Pennsylvania

GORDON stated that Eastern Pennsylvania is concentrating on an auto plant which he did not identify. He stated that the idea here is to use bundles in order to obtain readers and as readers are obtained, subscriptions follow.

Michigan

GORDON reported that the situation in Michigan is bad, that of a quota of 200 "Worker" subscriptions only 154 were obtained. He stated, however, that there is an improvement in the over-all "Worker" circulation from a total of 1,154 to 1,353.

Status of the Press Drive in
Other Districts

GORDON stated that the over-all situation for "The Worker" is a little improved in the Ohio District. He also stated that Pittsburgh built up some circulation during the trials, that there was a drop during the press drive, but it has picked up some since then. According to GORDON, Indiana has shown a slight over-all improvement.

GORDON stated that the weak spots are Connecticut, Illinois to a certain extent, New England, and New Jersey; however, New York is really responsible for the basic losses. He stated that there are only 1,200 "Daily Worker" subscriptions in New York and that Brooklyn had turned in only one subscription.

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and New Press Drive

GORDON deplored the fact that the "Daily Worker" is not being used to speak to active Party members and stated that clubs should tackle the building of the press circulation on a day-to-day basis. He stated that there are new opportunities but the organization has not been strengthened to take advantage of these opportunities.

GORDON announced that there will be a new press drive in December which will be headed by the National Administrative Committee of the CP. He pointed out that if the Party does not build the circulation of the press, there will be confusion and a loss of membership because the "Daily Worker" is already getting competition from the "National Guardian", "Socialist Review", and "American Socialist".

Financial Status of the "Daily
Worker" and "The Worker"

In conclusion GORDON stated that the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker" would have no income during August except for additional subscriptions. He stated that it was absolutely necessary that 1,200 more subscriptions be obtained before Labor Day and that it would still be necessary to borrow \$20,000 to operate during August. He appealed to all districts to meet their subscription obligations during the month of August.

Official Proposals Made at
this Organization Meeting

CG 5824-S advised that the following official proposals were made at this organization meeting:

1. That the National Office publish another memorandum dealing with registration, club leadership, dues and finance control, and minimum dues for reregistered members;
2. That a letter from WILLIAM Z. FOSTER be directed to each member concerning the registration drive;

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3. That a national committee for the press be established and that this committee deal with the content and circulation of the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker" and that this proposal be introduced to the national conference being held on August 2 and 3, 1955;
4. That the dates for the national registration be set from September 1, 1955, to December 15, 1955, but that September and October be used for preparatory work in order to find old members to reregister so that the actual registration can take place from November 1 to December 15.

Status of the CP Organization and
Leadership in Michigan

CG 5824-S advised that as usual the only sour note at this meeting came from the Michigan representatives. While the CP nationally realizes that Michigan has a special problem because of heavy concentration in industry, it is felt that the leadership has an inaccurate estimate of the present political situation, that they are still retaining the Party estimate as it existed in 1951 and 1952; therefore, Michigan is being condemned for its left-sectarian views.

According to the informant, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT and PHIL BART met with HELEN WINTER and SOLLY WELLMAN in New York City on Wednesday evening, August 3, 1955, and left for Detroit from New York during the weekend of August 5-7, 1955. Both BART and LIGHTFOOT told the informant that the Michigan leadership will be removed, although this leadership has not been informed of this as yet. It is believed, however, that WELLMAN senses that he will be replaced inasmuch as he made some crack about getting a job before he goes to jail.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM ** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-94)
 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-21222)
 SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA -
 UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS
 INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: 8-11-55

Extreme care should be used in reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of the informant.

CG 5824-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally furnished the following information to SAs JOHN E. KEATING and CARL N. FREYMAN on August 6, 1955. CG 5824-S had received this information from leading Communist Party members, particularly CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT and PHIL BART,

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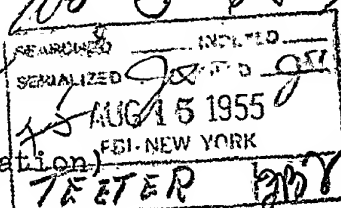
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UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS

members of the National Administrative Committee of the CP, while the informant was in New York City during the first week of August, 1955.

Status and Future of the
CP Underground

CG 5824-S advised that he learned that EUGENE DENNIS is in favor of maintaining the status quo as far as the underground is concerned, that is that no one be returned to the "open Party" at the present time or until the United States Supreme Court ruling on the constitutionality of the McCarran Act. However, the present plan of the national leadership of the CP is to return 90 percent of the people presently in the underground back to the "open Party" in the next few weeks providing that there are no statements by the Department of Justice or other indications that arrests are contemplated in the near future. According to present plans, there will be some replacements on a rotation basis for those presently in the underground; however, the new persons sent into the underground will be rotated every three to six months, will act only as a reserve, and may not be of the same caliber as those persons whom they replace.

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT stated that one reason for this decision is that in some districts they have already returned some people to the "open Party" and it is believed by the Party that the FBI has spotted a large number of people presently in the underground. LIGHTFOOT stated that the persons in the underground are to blame for this because they are too eager to participate in the open leadership and also are too opportunistic and afraid that they will be left out in the cold if they do not inject themselves into day-to-day activities.

Possible Changes in CP Leadership

CG 5824-S advised that the CP is contemplating making many changes in leadership both nationally and in many leading districts.

According to the informant, EUGENE DENNIS, JOHN GATES, and BENJAMIN DAVIS, JR., in addition to others recently released from jail, will assume their rightful places in the national leadership of the CP as soon as their probationary period is completed.

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Persons of outstanding ability presently in the underground will be assigned both to the national office and to the New York District of the CP. The present plan is for CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT to spend more of his time in Chicago and he will travel to New York only about once a month for meetings of the National Administrative Committee. There is a possibility that ED STRONG may be utilized to perform some of the tasks that LIGHTFOOT has undertaken in New York.

LIGHTFOOT told the informant that there is a possibility that PHIL BART, IRVING HERMAN, and JACK KLING may all return to Chicago, with BART as the Organizational Secretary of the Illinois-Indiana District, replacing MOLLIE WEST, who may join her husband, JIM WEST, if he is returned to the "open Party" at Cleveland, Ohio.

LIGHTFOOT stated that while there is still a possibility that ED STARR, presently in the underground in the Illinois-Indiana District, may go to Michigan as the District Organizer, LIGHTFOOT is a little worried for fear that STARR may not be able to handle the assignment since he is too mechanical, too cautious, and not daring enough.

Contemplated Action by the CP
in the Event the United States
Supreme Court Upholds the
Mc Carran Act

CG 5824-S advised that he had learned that while the CP originally had planned to register a few members and fight a rear guard action in the event that the United States Supreme Court rules that the Mc Carran Act is constitutional, present plans are that the CP will register no one, will disband, and go completely underground in the event of a ruling adverse to the Party. The reason for this latest decision by the Party is that the CP believes that for members to register under the Mc Carran Act would mean automatic prosecutions under the Membership Clause of the Smith Act.

The Party feels that there is some hope of winning the battle to get the Mc Carran Law repealed or declared unconstitutional by the United States Supreme Court. At any rate, the Party feels that this act will not be reviewed by the United States Supreme Court at least until next spring so that the Party still has the winter for activity and will fight for legality during this time.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Pittsburgh

FROM : SAC, New York (100-47211)(7-5)

SUBJECT: STEVE NELSON
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DATE: 8/1/55

According to NY 693-S*, who is in a position to furnish reliable information concerning activities at CP Headquarters, 268 Seventh Ave., NYC, on 5/6/55, SI (believed to be SIMON GERSON) at the CP Headquarters contacted BILL ALBERTSON at the offices of the CRC. SI told BILL about MURRAY KEMPTON's column in the "New York Post" for 5/6/55 concerning BOB THOMPSON and SOLLY WELLMAN. He described the article as very good. SI then told BILL that "we" filed a motion that day and would file another on Tuesday (presumably 5/10/55).

BILL stated that on Monday (presumably 5/9/55) at 4:00 PM he was getting together all the organizations that were under the SACB "hammer". He said he thought that SI should come over there. He said that he had met with LEON (believed to be LEON WOFSY) and HOWARD (possibly HOWARD SELSAM) and they felt that SI should come

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over and tell the crowd what he had in mind. SI said that he would not mind doing it except that MAC GORDON had set up a meeting for 3:30 on that particular day downtown. He agreed, however, to try to shift the date, and attend BILL's meeting if possible. It was agreed that BILL would call SI on the following Monday to find out if he could make the change.

At this point according to the informant, SI asked BILL what happened to STEVE (believed to be STEVE NELSON), as he had tried to reach him and was unable to. BILL said that STEVE had just contacted him and was at that time at the home of ANDY ONDA in Brooklyn. He furnished SI with the phone number as UL 1-5275.

Later that same day, according to the informant, SI contacted STEVE at the home of ANDY ONDA and they thrashed out the difficulty between them concerning a letter written by STEVE which had characterized SI as being callous toward the defense movement. SI insisted that as a requisite to their sitting down together to discuss the sedition case, STEVE must withdraw his letter. STEVE said that he would contact the other individuals who received the note and explain the matter to them, and SI insisted that he would return the letter to STEVE. As STEVE indicated that he was leaving town the next day for Philadelphia and would return again on Wednesday (presumably 5/11/55), it was agreed that he and SI would get together on that date.

The informant indicated in addition, that on that same day, 5/6/55, STEVE again contacted SI at CP Headquarters and stated that he resented SI's reaction to the letter and the complaint, and stated that he wanted SI to have one or two of his friends with him when they met. He indicated that he resented SI's dictating to him and setting down conditions for their meeting. SI stated that if STEVE wanted a meeting "with other comrades" he would ask GEORGE (believed to be GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY) to sit in at the meeting. SI also offered BILL (believed to be BILL ALBERTSON) as a reference to his attitude and agreed to abide by BILL's decision in the matter. It was agreed finally that when they met to discuss the sedition matter with a third party present, the question of the letter would be taken up as a side matter.

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The informant also advised that on 5/6/55, NELLIE (believed to be LEON NELSON) contacted SI at CP Headquarters. He said that it was not bad where he was and he thought that everything would work out fine. He indicated that they had one more session coming up on the following Monday (presumably 5/9/55). In answer to SI's question as to whether or not that would ruin their meeting, NELLIE replied that it would not, because it was set for late Monday afternoon, at about 3:00 PM. He also told SI that he was expecting "a guy by the name of BERNIE" (possibly BERNARD SHULDINER) to come to the headquarters at about 6:00 PM. He said that PHIL (believed to be PHIL BART) had been asked to send BERNIE over to Yugoslav Hall. At Nellie's request, SI agreed to see that BERNIE was sent to the corner of 8th Ave. and 40th St. instead.

According to NY 693-S* on 5/9/55, MURRAY KEMPTON again contacted SI GERSON at CP Headquarters. They discussed a book which KEMPTON had recently written, and SI said that it was a beautiful piece of work, and that he and his wife enjoyed it very much. KEMPTON remarked that he had been told that nobody but a Communist would buy the book, and that SI is the first person to buy it as far as he knows.

SI then said that he had "air mailed a special" out to WELLMAN and he asked KEMPTON if he had heard from the man's wife LEONA (believed to be LEONA THOMPSON). KEMPTON said that he had not. SI then said that he had tried to reach KEMPTON the other day, because everyone was deeply gratified, as far as SI was concerned, the column had been one of KEMPTON's better ones. SI offered KEMPTON any further assistance he might need. KEMPTON said he wanted to try to contact GATES (believed to be JOHN GATES) the next week if he could.

In the event it becomes necessary to disseminate this information, care should be taken to protect the informant's identity.

SAC, Baltimore

8/11/55

SAC, New York (100-96975)

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NY 693-S*, who was in a position to furnish reliable information concerning activities at CP Headquarters, 268 7th Avenue, New York City, advised that on 7/27/55, PHIL BART, at CP Headquarters, contacted SALLY (believed to be SALLY KANTER) at the "Daily Worker" offices and asked if they had ROY WOOD's address. SALLY told him that it was 4000 West Belvedere, Baltimore, Maryland.

In the event it becomes necessary to disseminate this information, care should be taken to protect the informant's identity.

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- 1 - NY 100-63641 (SALLY KANTER) (#20-11)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-3)
FROM : SAC, New York (100-4981) #12-14
SUBJECT: *C.R.-U.S.A.*
I.S.-C.

DATE: 8/11/55

On 7/14/55, [redacted] furnished to SA R. H. BLASSER a 12 page report dated 7/14/55, and captioned "Discussion With Phil Bart".

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Informant in his report sets forth the details of a two hour discussion that he had with Phil Bart, member of the National Administrative Committee, on [redacted]

Informant in his report on page 12 reported BART

[redacted] orally advised SAS BRYAN JINNETT of Newark and R. H. BLASSER of the NYO, on 7/14/55, that [redacted] PHIL BART on [redacted]

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Informant advised [redacted]

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According to the informant, when [redacted]

Informant orally advised on 7/14/55, that BART [redacted]

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Informant also orally advised on July 14, 1955.

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Informant advised [redacted]
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to the N.J. CP and PHIL BART.

A copy of informant's original report is attached
to copies designated for pertinent files of the Bureau and in-
terested offices.

Informant's original report is maintained as
serial # [redacted], [redacted] (P&C).

If any of the information set forth by the infor-
mant in his report, is disseminated outside the Bureau or
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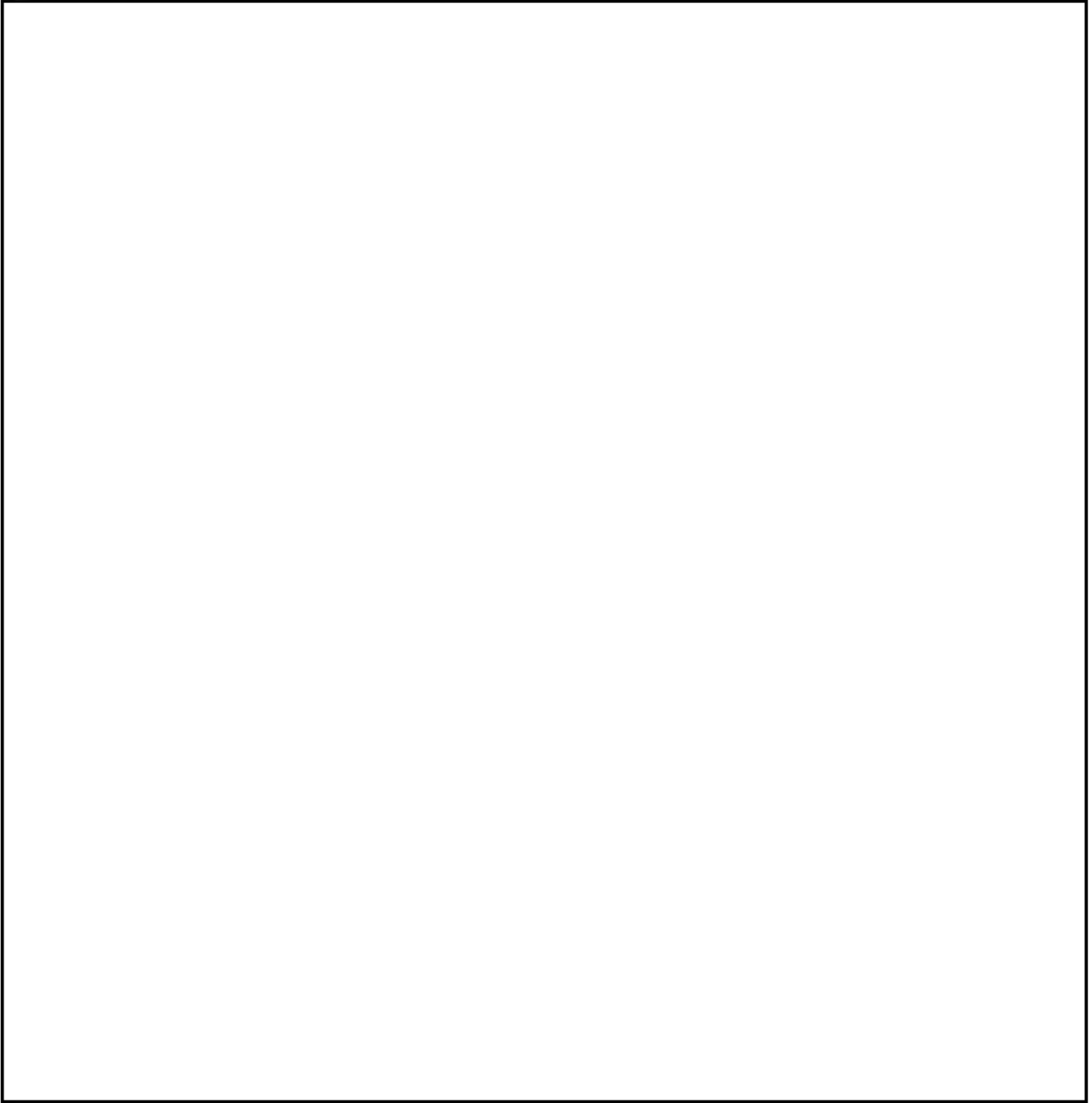
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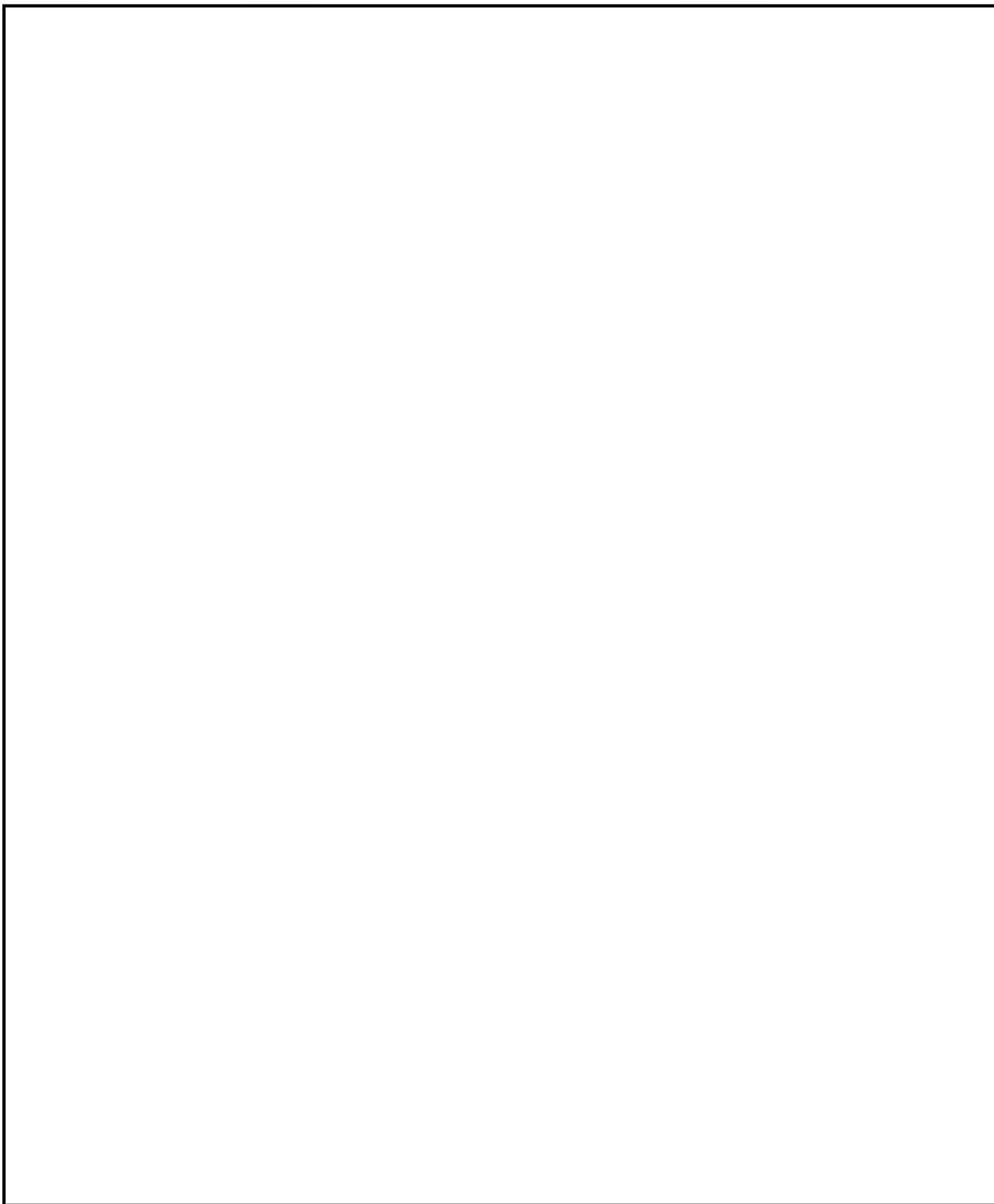
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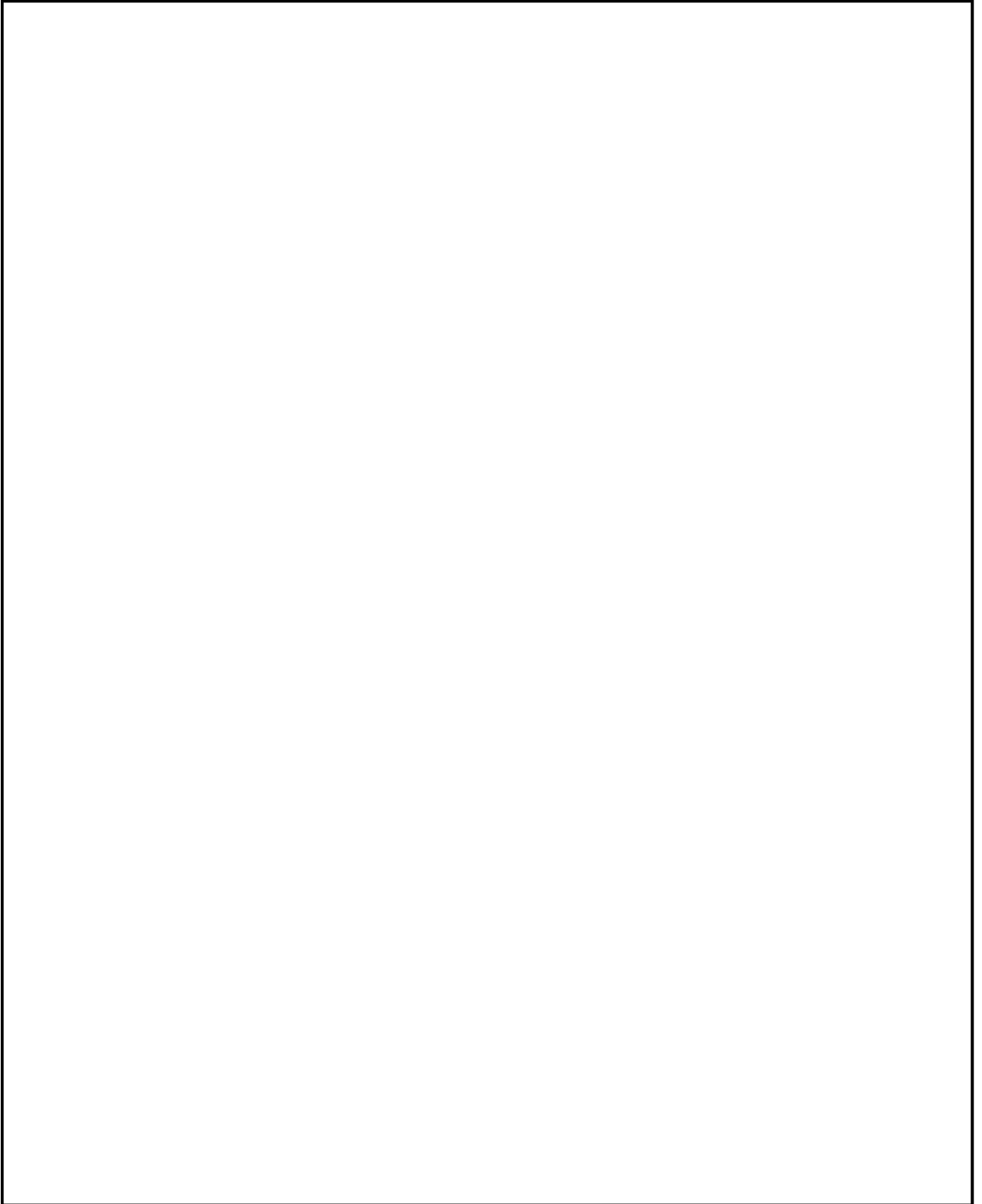


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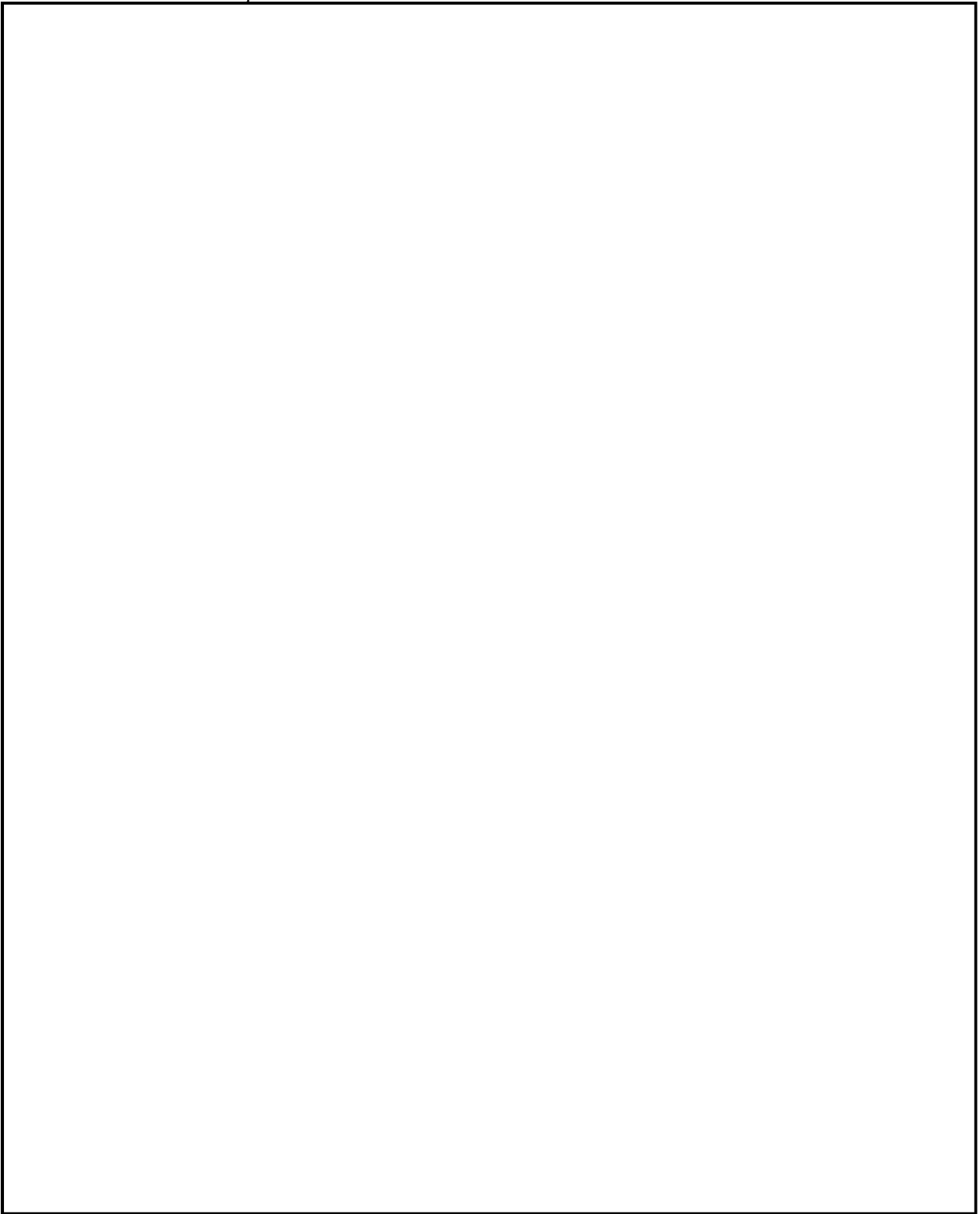


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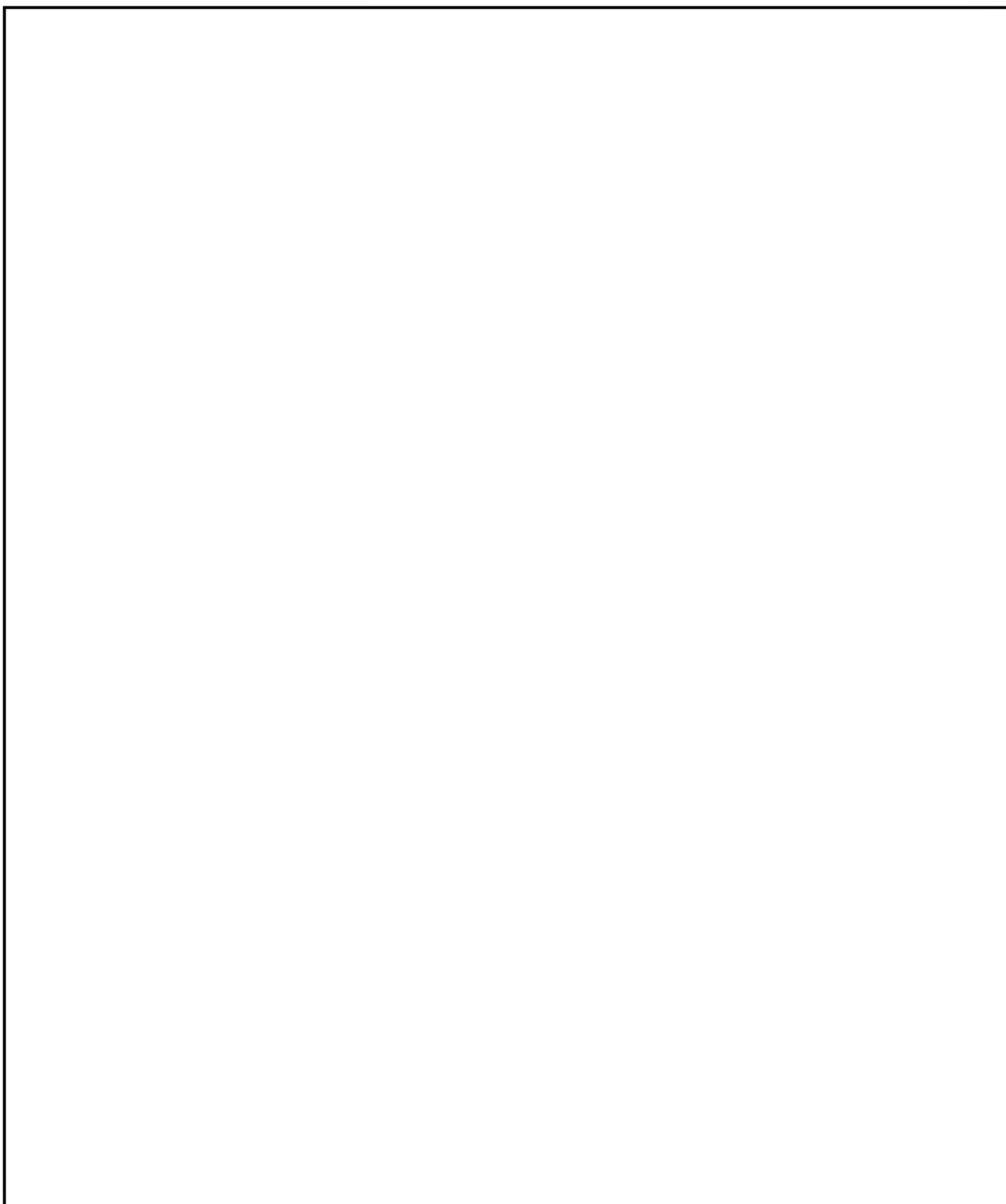
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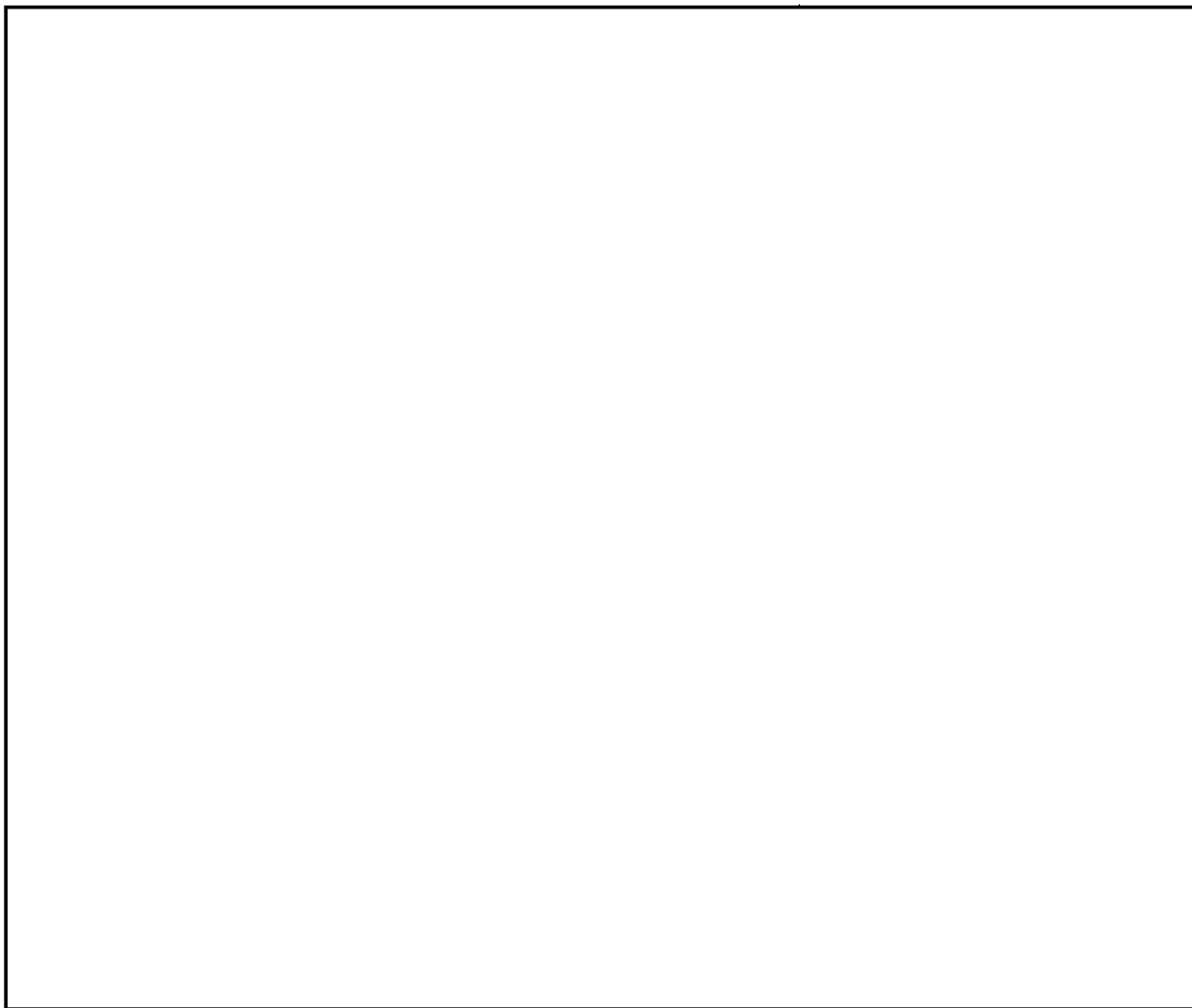
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)
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ORGANIZATION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: 8-12-55

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Extreme care should be used in reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of the informant.

The following information was furnished by CG 5824-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, to SAs JOHN E. KEATING and CARL N. FREYMAN on August 6, 1955.

Time, Type, and Place of Meeting

CG 5824-S advised that a meeting consisting primarily of CP District Organizers was held at the Yugoslav-American Home in New York City on Thursday, August 4, 1955, following the two-day national CP meeting held at the same location on August 2 and 3, 1955. CG 5824-S advised that this meeting started at approximately 10 a.m. and was still in session at about 3:30 p.m., when the informant accompanied by CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT and LEON KATZEN left the meeting. The informant is of the opinion that this meeting probably concluded at about 5 p.m.

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Persons in Attendance

CG 5824-S advised that the following were among the persons present at this meeting. This list is being set forth by states:

California

ADAM LAPIN, representing the entire state.

Colorado

ARTHUR BARY, District Organizer,
Colorado District.

Connecticut

SID TAYLOR, District Organizer,
Connecticut District.

Illinois-Indiana

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, District Chairman;

CG 5824-S;

EMANUEL BLUM, Organizer for the State of
Indiana and alternate member of the
Illinois-Indiana District Committee;

EARL DURHAM, Midwest Organizer for the
Labor Youth League and member of the
Illinois-Indiana District Committee;

LEON KATZEN, acting Chairman of the Lightfoot
Defense Committee and member of the Illinois-
Indiana CP District Finance Committee.

Maryland

The Maryland District Organizer, whose
name is not known to the informant. This
individual was referred to as JOE and also

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as IRVING. He is described as follows:
age about 40, height 6', weight 175 pounds,
slim build, dark brown somewhat wavy hair,
brown eyes, prominent nose, speaks with a
cultural or intellectual accent.

Massachusetts

ANN BURLAK, who was Chairman of this meeting
for approximately one hour in the morning;

SID LIPSHIRES, Organizer for the New England
District.

Michigan

SAUL WELLMAN, District Organizer for Michigan;

HELEN WINTER, who was at this meeting for
approximately one hour.

Minnesota

ROBERT KELLY, District Organizer for Minnesota.

Missouri

BEN PHILLIPS.

New Jersey

CHARLES NUSSEER, who followed ANNBURLAK as
Chairman of this meeting.

New York

WALTER BARRY, who was present to discuss
trade union problems; however, the length
of the discussion of the other items on the
agenda necessitated the removal of trade
union matters from the agenda;

CONNIE BART;

PHIL BART;

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New York (cont'd)

ALBERT E. BLUMBERG and his wife;

GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY, District Organizer,
New York District;

SAMUEL COLEMAN;

LIL GATES;

SIMON W. GERSON;

A. B. MAGIL;

WILLIAM L. PATTERSON;

MARTHA STONE;

DOXEY WILKERSON;

LEON WOFSY.

Ohio

ANTON KRCHMAREK;

HYMAN LUMER.

Pennsylvania

JACK ZUCKER, from Philadelphia, representing
the Eastern Pennsylvania District;

An unidentified person referred to as JOE
representing the Western Pennsylvania District.
This individual is described as follows: age
about 40, weight 175 pounds, height 5'11",
dark brown hair, receding, dark complexion.

Washington

JAMES TORMEY, District Organizer.

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Wisconsin

SIG EISENSCHER, District Organizer.

Agenda

CG 5824-S advised that the agenda for this meeting consisted of political prospectives for 1956 and CP tasks in the struggle for peace in the light of the Four Power Geneva Conference. The informant advised that the point on the agenda dealing with political prospectives for 1956 consisted of a report by ALBERT E. BLUMBERG/which paralleled and buttressed a ten-page typewritten report by BLUMBERG entitled "Draft Memo on '56", which CG 5824-S made available to SA KEATING for photostating on August 5, 1955. One photostat of this memo is being enclosed herewith for the Bureau and one copy for the New York Division. The Chicago copy is located in Chicago file 100-17977-1B1(11).

CG 5824-S advised that the point on the agenda dealing with CP tasks in the struggle for peace in the light of the Four Power Conference in Geneva, Switzerland, consisted of a rather poorly prepared report by MARTHA STONE.

Political Prospectives
for 1956

Inasmuch as CG 5824-S advised that BLUMBERG's report on political prospectives paralleled his memo, the following excerpts from BLUMBERG's memo are set out:

"Recent developments in the struggle for peace, economic well-being, democratic liberties and civil rights - climaxed by the Geneva conference- point to the following electoral objectives for 1956:

"1) To organize a movement for democratic unity and varied electoral coalitions expressive of the popular majority's desire for peaceful co-existence, prosperity for the masses, the restoration of the Bill of Rights, an end to segregation. To help build democratic-labor mass movements and electoral-political alliances capable of influencing the course of the elections and of exerting increasing pressure upon whatever Administration and Congress comes into office in 1956.

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"2) Within this context, the progressive forces should join with labor, the Negro people, the farmers and the liberal middle-class in their efforts to oust the reactionary Eisenhower-Cadillac Cabinet Administration and to break the GOP-Dixiecrat grip on Congress. In so doing-

"a) To make clear that this formidable task cannot be fulfilled if the Democratic Party policies, platform and ticket are dominated by the Johnsons and Rayburns, the Russells and Symingtons and their 'liberal' collaborators like Humphrey.

"b) To urge the labor and people's movement to intervene independently and unitedly at all levels of legislative and political struggle, acting in concert with and influencing the healthiest pro-peace and pro-labor elements and groupings in the Democratic Party.

"c) To reject the sectarian and diversionary proposals for a third party or presidential ticket in '56, while continuing to advocate the need for an eventual political realignment based on the decisive sections of the labor movement and its allies.

"3) To challenge the reactionary anti-labor Republocrat majority in Congress. This requires that labor and the people

"a) concentrate on the ouster of the avowed McCarthyites in both parties, thus carrying forward the process initiated in the 1954 elections.

"b) couple this with an ever sharper struggle against the aggressively reactionary Dulles-Brownell-Nixon-Knowland forces who dominate the GOP and their Dixiecrat allies;

"c) elect a bloc of liberal, pro-labor spokesmen for peaceful negotiations and coexistence, including a number of resolute progressives - taking fully into account the new possibilities arising following the Geneva conference;

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"d) add to the handful now in Congress a substantial number of militant representatives drawn directly from the ranks of labor;

"e) make new advances in the fight for Negro representation in Congress by guaranteeing breakthroughs in a number of selected districts."

For Peaceful Coexistence and an
End to the Cold War

Under this caption BLUMBERG's memo contains the following paragraph, among others:

"Between now and '56 the major issues of foreign policy will come to the fore in a new way - Germany and European security, disarmament and nuclear weapons, E-W trade and exchange, Formosa and the recognition of China, colonial liberation. The American people, likewise, will insist that the promise of Geneva be fulfilled on the domestic front as well. They will call for an end to war budgets and war hysteria. They will demand that platforms and candidates offer real programs of social advance based on a peace-time economy and the restoration of the Bill of Rights for all."

Prosperity for the Masses:
Welfare, not Warfare

Under this caption BLUMBERG's memo contains the following paragraphs, among others:

"The new post-Geneva situation raises sharply the need and possibility for a new peace-time economic policy that will tackle the critical social needs for schools, homes, health, etc. - sacrificed to the cold war budgets of the past 10 years.

"These urgent questions provide a basis for labor-farmer-Negro unity against the Eisenhower Administration and the Democratic Congressional leadership. They provide the means for winning broader support for peace thru a real peace-time

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"economic program; for promoting a Democratic party realignment directed against the Dixiecrats and ultra-conservatives.

"The vital need is for a labor and popular movement - deriving new strength from the forthcoming AFL-CIO merger - for a program of economic and union security, human and social welfare and East-West trade and cooperation.

End Segregation and all Forms
of Discrimination

Under this caption BLUMBERG's memo contains the following paragraph, among others:

"The rising anti-segregation struggle of the Negro people and their allies will focus the civil rights issues in a new way in '56. The Dixiecrat rebellion against the Constitution is a world scandal in this day of Bandung and Geneva. It is made possible only by the connivance of the Eisenhower-Brownell Administration which nationally bears the heaviest responsibility for the failure to enforce the Supreme Court desegregation decision."

Restore the Bill of Rights For All

Under this caption BLUMBERG's memo contains the following paragraph, among others:

"Mass campaigns on a new broad level to defeat the Eisenhower-Big Business plot to cripple labor's political action, McCarranize the unions, and outlaw the Communist Party are the immediate need. These will lay the basis for making the restoration of the Bill of Rights for all a major issue in '56."

Situation in the Two Major Parties

The GOP

Under this caption BLUMBERG's memo contains the following paragraph, among others:

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"Eisenhower is 'indispensable' for a GOP victory. His renomination is assured - all the more after Geneva, his Administration will exploit the new peace developments - which were imposed on the Administration - as the British Tories did in May. While uniting with the Dixiecrats to block the labor and people's program in Congress. Eisenhower will also exploit the present economic situation to advance the Big Business anti-labor program under cover of claiming credit for 'peace and prosperity.'

The Democratic Party

Under this caption BLUMBERG's memo contains several paragraphs, among which are the following:

"The Democratic Party nationally, as in '54, continues to be the majority party, overwhelmingly so among labor and Negro voters. Nonetheless even before Geneva, Eisenhower ran farther ahead of Stevenson, strongest Democratic candidate, than in '52.

"...With Stevenson still favored for the nomination (but Harriman strong with the machines and Kefauver with the rank and file), the outlook for labor's objectives in '56 hinges on whether the labor-supported Democrats can be induced to put up an effective struggle for peaceful negotiations and an end to the witchhunt against labor and the people. Only in this way can they differentiate themselves from Eisenhower and overcome his present considerable lead. This in turn depends primarily upon the independent political action of labor and its allies."

Labor and Its Allies

Under this caption BLUMBERG's memo contains the following paragraph among others:

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"The coming merger will take place as a new political situation emerges. The plain lesson of Geneva is that labor, under pain of suffering serious political setbacks in '56, must actively enter into the struggle to end the cold war, restore the Bill of Rights and secure a comprehensive peacetime economy. No one can minimize the obstacles presented by the reactionary foreign policy views of a Meany or the reactionary features of the merger constitution. Nonetheless, unification is bound to be a powerful stimulus to the political demands and action of the rank and file. It will create favorable conditions for a great expansion of LLPE-PAC work." (Merger referred to is that of AFL and CIO)

The Situation Among the
Negro People

BLUMBERG's memo states that to avert a weakening of labor-Negro unity in 1956 requires that labor:

"Support Powell's fight in the next session of Congress for desegregation provisions in all social legislation, as well as other civil rights measures such as FEPC.

"Demand new effective civil rights planks in Party platforms.

"Join in fighting in '56 for sharply-increased Negro representation in conventions, Congress and other posts."

The Farm Situation

Under this caption BLUMBERG's memo contains the following sentence: "Parity and peace are the keys to the '56 farm vote."

Youth

Under this caption BLUMBERG's memo contains the following paragraphs:

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"1. The GOP keeps up a heavy demagogic stress on youth ('new blood') and young voters, while pushing UMT and other measures opposed by young people.

"2. The pro-labor Democrats, and labor itself, as yet lag in developing youth programs and young candidates corresponding to the strong liberal trends reflected in all major youth organizations over the past year."

The Role of the Advanced Labor, Liberal and Third Party Forces

Under this caption BLUMBERG's memo contains the following paragraphs, among others:

"The tasks for '56 demand that much more attention be given to the role of the Left and advanced workers, including the Marxists and to promoting the unity of action of the various elements and groups of the Left. It is necessary:

"1. To overcome political unclarity and to wage a more effective struggle against the paralyzing influence of Left sectarianism, as well as opportunist passivity.

"2. To give careful thought to varied local (and national) forms of independent political action - not a party, but movements able to operate and develop independent pressure within the two-party system as well as to educate for a basic realignment led by labor.

The Role of the Party

Under this caption BLUMBERG's memo contains the following paragraphs, among others:

"In this post-Geneva period of preparation for '56, the Party is moving into a new broad struggle to end the cold war, restore the Bill of Rights for all and defeat reaction's drive to

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"deny the Party legal existence (McCarran Act proceedings, Smith Act Membership cases, etc.) This struggle will be very much aided by expanding the independent voice and electoral role of the Party, including timely attention to the forms for projecting selected Communist candidates.

"...To further the cause of peace, economic welfare, equal rights and democracy in the '56 election, all left and progressive forces should unite:

"1) to help build, first and foremost, broad mass movements on the issues able to influence the course of the elections and to exert increasing pressure on whatever Administration and Congress take office.

"2) within this context, to join in the labor and people's fight to oust Eisenhower and put a substantial dent in the GOP-Dixiecrat ruling coalition in Congress."

Discussion after BLUMBERG's Report

CG 5824-S advised that during the discussion following BLUMBERG's report, the following syllogism was advanced as a statement of the 1956 political program of the CP, USA.

Russia is for peace

BULGANIN states that President EISENHOWER is for peace

The CP, USA is for peace

The CP, USA states that the Republicans must be ousted

Therefore, the CP, USA does not take orders from Moscow.

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CP Tasks in the Struggle for Peace

CG 5824-S advised that the report of MARTHA STONE on CP tasks in the struggle for peace in the light of the Four Power Peace Conference was very poor. The keynote of STONE's speech was that Geneva is the turning point in the cold war. While the cold war is thawing, it is still necessary to mobilize the people to follow through on this beginning.

A concrete program must be formulated for every town and industry to illustrate to them how they can benefit if the East and West trade barriers are lifted and they will have as many or more jobs by replacing arms production with production for East-West trade.

STONE recommended resolutions and communications to the United Nations and the United States State Department prior to the meeting of the United Nations Disarmament Committee on August 29, 1955, and the meeting of the Four Power Foreign Ministers on October 4, 1955, urging that the peace theme of Geneva be continued. She also stated that the Party must move the masses and that slogans should be formulated around the issue of peace and the banning of the A and H-bombs and that united fronts should be formed with churches and trade unions on the issue of peace.

CG 5824-S stated that the aims of the CP are contained in the following statements and slogans which were made during STONE's speech and during the discussion which followed:

1. A peaceful democratic Germany.
2. Ban the A and H-bombs and the A and H-bomb tests.
3. Demand a drastic reduction in armaments.
4. The fullest exchange of delegations, such as the farmers delegations between governments.
5. Removal of all passport restrictions.

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6. Free trade between the East and West and campaigns for economic conferences between industries to show how they can benefit from a free exchange of trade.

7. The seating of China in the United Nations.

8. Work in any mass organization for peace and among the farmers, particularly since the basis has been laid in the exchange of the farmers delegations.

9. Utilize returning delegations from the Soviet Union to make speeches to trade unions and religious organizations, such as the Quakers.

10. Lift the arms burden.

11. Lift the tax burden.

12. Utilize resolutions of community organizations on the issue of peace in an effort to get trade unions to adopt similar resolutions.

Further details concerning this meeting will be set forth as soon as they can be obtained from the informant under secure conditions.

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Utmost caution must be used in handling and reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of the informant.

CG 5824-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA JOHN E. KEATING on 8/15/55 that he had received the following information on that date in a private, confidential conversation with SIG EISENSCHER, CP District Organizer for Wisconsin.

EISENSCHER stated that he had received orders from the National Office of the CP that [redacted]

[redacted] JERRY (believed to be GERALD WILLIAM ROSE and [redacted]) were to go into the national underground apparatus immediately. EISENSCHER stated that [redacted] and JERRY left Milwaukee about two days ago in such a rush that they did not have time to notify her mother of their changed status and location. EISENSCHER asked informant to get word to PHIL BART to let MONETTE WEINSTONE, 4322 - 47th St., Long Island City, N.Y., know that [redacted] are all right and to explain their sudden move from Milwaukee. Informant

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received no additional information from EISENSCHER which might indicate or aid in ascertaining the present location of JERRY and

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It is again requested that extreme caution be used in handling this information since CG 5824-S may be one of very few persons in possession of this information at this time.

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[redacted] orally advised SAS BRYAN JINNETT of Newark, and RICHARD H. BLASSER of the NYO, on 8/11/55, of the following which he ascertained from PHIL BART on August 4 last, at a National Farm Conference in NYC:

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About 30 people were present at a National Conference held August 2 and 3 last. This conference was a preliminary to a bigger conference to be held during October, 1955. It was an emergency conference called hurriedly without too much planning after the Geneva Conference. Conference was called because 1) Party of the opinion the World situation has eased, 2) situation in this country has eased, and that 3) now is the time for the Party to step forward and fight for its so-called right-ful position. Conference was called to consider the tasks confronting the Party which are three fold. One, to take advantage of the eased National and International situation flowing from the Geneva Conference. Two, to make an effort to broaden the Party's base by hooking up liberals, etc. on a concerted drive on civil liberties issues. In this regard 73 persons issued a statement calling upon the government to stop the prosecution of Communists under the Smith Act. Some names appeared on

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this statement that never previously appeared on such statements. BART indicated the need for this kind of a policy. He cited as an example NORMAN THOMAS, who hates Communists. After a discussion with FRANKFELD's wife and after she had given him certain material, THOMAS wrote an article to the "Washington Post" and other newspapers urging the Government to review and revise prosecutions under the Smith Act.

THOMAS also signed a statement urging the release of "POP" MINDEL and FRANKFELD. BART considered this a sign of the times and that at last a lot of people are moving into action and the Party must give them a shove. BART felt the clouds were lifting for the Party, that less people are afraid and that now is the time for the Party to fight. The Party is tremendously enthusiastic about the unexpectedly friendly reception the Russian farm delegation received in Iowa. BART felt this was not just an accident and that this feeling always was prevalent contrary to what the Party thought.

The Party will begin a propaganda campaign on the Geneva conference as the Party feels the time has arrived to work more openly. The Party will launch a National campaign against the Government around the issue of the legality of the Party. Purpose of conference was to pinpoint to whole Party that now is the time to swing into action and develop a broad campaign on civil liberty issues which will involve liberals and non-Communists. Party considers it urgent to now launch a campaign to have the McCarran Act amended or repealed because otherwise the Party will not grow. The McCarran Act can be used as an instrument by which the Government can prosecute the Communist Party. Informant advised the foregoing does not constitute a shift in the Party policy or line but constitutes a change in the tactics of the CP.

It also reflects an intensification of the CP to edge out into the open. Informant advised certain Party functionaries will remain underground as the Party feels indictments are outstanding against them and they will be

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arrested if they appear. The conference indicated a shift in the Party tactics in an effort to bring the Party into the open and establish the legality of the Party. Informant heard from persons present at the national farm conference on August 4 last, that the following persons were present for the national conference on August 2 and 3 last:

PHIL BART, JIM TORMEY, who appears to be in the open and who attended several sub-conferences, BOB KELLY, head of Minnesota CP, ARTHUR BARY, head of Colorado CP, SIG EISENSCHER, head of Wisconsin CP. Informant advised SIG has been East for several weeks. Informant did not know if SIG shifted East or on vacation with family. MANNY BLUM, former head of CP Boston, and who appears to be demoted as now head of Indiana CP. BLUM told informant he had been underground for four years, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, MARTHA STONE, and ALBERT BLUMBERG. JOE ROBERTS and an unidentified person from Ohio, scheduled to attend conference, did not appear.

BART stated comrades from California and Seattle could not attend although he indicated they were in town. BART indicated he would see them the next day. A number of sub-conferences were held around the main conference. These included a conference on farm matters, the "DW", literature, civil rights, and informant understood a meeting was held on organization. PATTERSON played leading role in conference on civil rights. Sub-conferences held at 77 5th Avenue, NYC, second floor, in a hot, dingy hall. Informant [REDACTED]

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Those present at the national farm conference August 4 last were the following:

PHIL BART, JAMES TORMEY, BOB KELLY, ARTHUR BARY, SIG EISENSCHER, MANNY BLUM, MAX GORDON, CHARLES and ROSE COE, LEM HARRIS, ERIC BERT, MORT BLOOM of NJ invited but did not appear.

BART stated that all present know farm work had suffered for some time and this conference held for an informal discussion on farm work and problems the Party faced. No basic decisions were to be made at this conference. BART stated the Party must get back into the National Farmers Union everywhere as it is the progressive farming organization. The agriculture crisis will have its effect on the 1956 elections. The balance in Congress can be shifted due to the tense agricultural situation caused by the EISENHOWER and BENSON farm policy. If properly handled, this situation can bring about the defeat of EISENHOWER and DULLES. BART stated there is inactivity everywhere on agriculture. BART prefaced this by stating now is the time to move and finally proposed the following:

1) The National Administrative Committee has finally decided to establish the National Farm Commission in Chicago under leadership of one person in Chicago (probably LIGHTFOOT).

2) An Eastern Farm Regional Committee will be formed to deal with the East Coast states and leaders in Conn., NY, NJ, and Pa. will be drawn together soon to constitute this Committee. The Southern Regional Farm Committee is now functioning. BART indicated he will discuss with California and Seattle the possibility of a Far West Regional Farm Committee.

All districts must be instructed to make immediate preparations for the national convention of the National Farmers Union (NFU), during March, 1956. BART stated in this regard South Dakota, North Dakota, Wisconsin,

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Colorado, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Nebraska must focus all their attention on the NFU convention in order to have a sizable bloc of people ready to do the Party's bidding. In those Districts where not in the NFU efforts must be made to get back into the NFU.

BART suggested in this regard that contact be made in Nebraska with [redacted] (ph) who appears to be a former CP member from Iowa and who now appears to be sympathetic to the Party. BART said Eastern Pa. is presently supposed to be part of NJ Eastern Farmers Union. However, the Milford, Pa., local has severed its NJ connections, going in with the NFU of Western Pa. The rest of Eastern Pa. will have to follow suit in order to get a foothold in the NFU. NJ and NY do not count in the preparation for the NFU convention as they have been expelled from the NFU.

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National Farm Commission, according to BART, not in effect as yet, but it will be worked upon. The Eastern Regional Farm Committee will be established sooner than the National Farm Commission. BART indicated he has been extremely busy and more people are "showing up (out of underground) one by one."

Further dissemination will be made by separate letter.

If any of this information is disseminated outside the Bureau or incorporated into a report it must be carefully paraphrased to protect identity of informant.

KELLY

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-56579)

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (100-22157)

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART, was.
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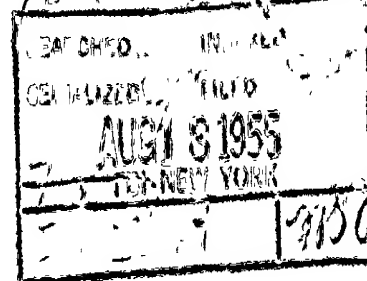
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Rerep of SA FRANKLIN B. TEETER, 7/27/55, at
New York.

A copy of the referenced report was designated for the U. S. Attorney at Philadelphia, Pa. It is requested that in future reports, no such designation be made inasmuch as no reports are being furnished to the U. S. Attorney, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.

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SAC, New York (100-4391)

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SA JOHN J. KEARNEY

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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On 5/26/55 NK-2010-S* furnished photographic reproductions of information then in the possession of JACK KLING. The informant has furnished documents which indicate KLING is a leading functionary operating in the national CP underground apparatus.

On the above-described date, informant furnished the following document:

"Dear Dick,

"I am sending through for you and our friend this brief memo on our recent meeting. Will go into greater detail in follow-up report. Martha will also have more detail in the course of a direct discussion.

"Hope you have a good holiday week end.

"Tell Dick I am sending through, separately, a report of our NAC meet on organization. He will have it available soon. But here are some points which may and I am sure will be of immediate interest.

"1. We had a 2 day meet on org. Besides all members of the NAC it was attended by comrades from Phila., Chicago, and west coast. We had a good discussion. However we allowed Saul N's differences to divert from the main discussion. The opinions were confined to himself but the discussion involved most of those present. He raised some important questions but distorted in a fashion which was harmful and did not help solve the problems in M.ch. or nationally. This is now being considered further.

1-NY100-19249 (JACK KLING)(#19)
1-NY100-56579 (PHIL BART)(7-5)
1-NY100-66211 (MARTHA STONE)(7-5)
1-NY100-18671 (SAUL WELLMAN)(7-5)
1-NY100-63755 (LEON NELSON)(7-5)
1-NY100- (MOLLIE WEST)

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"The objective is to immediately follow up on this conference and reach into all districts of the organization. We this in mind we are proceeding as follows:

"1. An east coast conference has been arranged for May 25th. It will include all Districts which were not at the NAC meet. It will be concrete, basin_ itself on their problem.

"2. A mid-west meeting has been arranged for May 21 and 22. Besides the small districts we have called in Denver and Pittsburgh. This besides a discussion with Pittsburgh and a decision that they must be involved with the concentration areas.

"3. NY is holding a two day meet over this week and which I expect to attend.

"4. In Phila. we had a follow-up meet last Wed. By the way, it was my first trip to Philly in a long time.

"5. The secretariat has decided to send a small committee to Mich. Will be settled in a week.

"6. The org. com. met following the NAC meet and decided to undertake the following:

"a. Meeting with steel districts to examine the work of the Party there. This is scheduled for mid June.

"b. A similar examination (not long drawn out but as part of the work) concerning the party in the Negro community. This to involve NY, NJ, Ill, N. Pa. Following a one month series of meeting in these Districts, a joint meet of reps. from these districts and or. com. By the way, under point a. it is to be done jointly with t. u. com.

"c. A committee of 3 (Nelli, Mollie and myself) to make a study and have ready by Aug, proposals re: the conduct of the various campaigns (funds, press, registrations) in time to effect our activities for the '56 elections.

"d. A small committee on press circulation.

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Individuals mentioned in this document are believed
to be:

DICK	JACK KLING
P	PHIL BART
MARTHA	MARTHA STONE
SAUL W.	SAUL WELLMAN
NELLI	LEON NELSON
MOLLIE	MOLLIE WEST

A photographic reproduction of the above-described
document is being attached to the memo designated for the case
file on PHIL BART.

Dear Dick,

I am sending through for you and our friend this brief memo of our recent meeting. Will go into greater detail in follow-up report. Maria will also have more detail in the course of a direct discussion.

Hope you have a good holidayx week end.

3. As we noted.

4. In Phila. we had a follow-up meet last Wed. By the way, it was my first trip to Philly in a long time.

5. The secretariat has decided to send a small committee to Mich. will be settled in a week.

6. The org. com. met following the SAC meet and decided to undertake the following:

a. Meeting with steel districts to examine the work of the party there. This is scheduled for mid June.

b. A similar examination (not long drawn out but as part of which the work concerning the party in the Negro community. This to involve NY, NJ, Ill. etc. following a one month series of meeting in these districts, a list of representatives from these districts and org. com. by the way, under joint as it is to be done jointly with C. U. com.

c. A committee of 3 (Hall, Hollis and myself) to make a study and report ready by Aug. regarding the work of the various chapters (C. U. com. registrations) in time to offer their contribution for the next election.

d. A small committee on press circulation

Tell Dick I am sending through, separately, a report of our IAC meet on organization. He will have it available soon. But here are some points which may and I am sure will be of immediate interest.

1. We had a 2 day meet on org. Besides all members of the IAC it was attended by comrades from Phila., Chicago, and west coast. We had a good discussion. However we allowed Saul W's differences to divert from the main discussion. The opinions were confined to himself but the discussion involved most of those present. He raised some important questions but distasteful in a fashion which was harmful and did not help solve the problems in Mich. or nationally. This is now being considered further.

The objective is to immediately follow up on this conference and reach into all districts of the organization. As this is our aim we are proceeding as follows:

1. An east coast conference has been arranged for May 21th. It will include all districts which were not at the IAC meet. It will be concrete, basic itself on their problems.
2. A mid-west meeting has been arranged for May 21 and 22. Besides the small districts we have called in Denver and Pittsburgh. This includes a discussion with Pittsburgh and a decision that they must be involved with the "understanding" areas.
3. NY is holding a two day meet over this week end which I expect to attend.
4. In Phila. we had a follow-up meet last Wed. By the way, it was my first trip to Philly in a long time.
5. The secretariat has decided to send a small committee to Mich. Will be settled in a week.
6. The org. com. met following the IAC meet and decided to undertake the following:
 - a. Meeting with steel districts to organize the work of the IAC there. This is scheduled for mid June.
 - b. A similar examination (not long drawn out but as part of whom the work) concerning the party in the Negro community. This to involve NY, NJ, Ill. as well. Following a one month series of meeting in these districts, a joint meet of reps. from these districts and org. com. by the way, under joint a. it is to be done jointly with N. W. com.
 - c. A committee of 3 (Melli, Melli and myself) to make a study and have ready by Aug. Rep. would be the conduct of the various campaigns (for 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 100) in time to effect our activities for the '68 elections.
 - d. A small committee on press circulation.

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SAC, New York (100-12959)

8/18/55

SAC, New Haven (100-16157)

CONSTANCE S. BART
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Re New York report SA dated 7/12/55.

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Page 24 of referenced report shows a contact between an unknown subject, male, listed as No. 3, on 4/29/55 at 149th Street and Melrose Avenue, Bronx, New York. This unknown subject met with BART that date for one hour and later met ESTHER EISENSCHER. The unknown subject, male, was then surveilled to the southern section of Manhattan where it was necessary to discontinue the surveillance. The New York report described Unsub as follows:

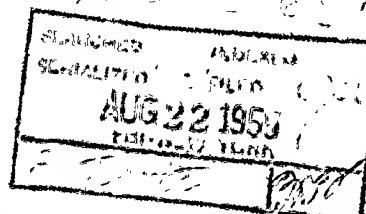
Race:	White
Age:	30-35
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	180-190
Build:	Heavy
Complexion:	Light
Hair:	Middle to light brown, kinky.
Characteristics:	Very high forehead, prominent nose, very heavy dark frame horn rimmed glasses.

It is also noted that the rereport sets forth a contact of CONSTANCE BART with NORMAN CAZDEN on which occasion BART spent the night at the CAZDEN residence, 84 Keeler Avenue, Bridgeport, Conn. This occurred on 4/18/55 and the contact with the Unsub described above occurred on 4/29/55. NORMAN CAZDEN is described as follows:

Age:	41
Birth:	9/23/14
Height:	5'8"-9"
Weight:	160 lbs.
Build:	Medium

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Hair: Brown, curly, combed straight back
Eyes: Hazel, wears brown horn rimmed glasses
Complexion: Fair with freckles
Characteristics: Bushy eyebrows and birthmark on right cheek near nose.

There is enclosed for the New York Office one glossy print photograph of NORMAN CAZDEN. While it is observed that some features of the physical description do not exactly tally, the possibility does exist based on some similarity of description, that Unsub No. 3 listed in the rereport is possibly identical with NORMAN CAZDEN. It is requested that the photograph of CAZDEN be exhibited to the agents who participated in the surveillance of Unsub No. 3 on 4/29/55 for possible identification. It is significant to note in connection with CAZDEN that the Unsub, male, No. 3, met ESTHER EISENSCHER later on 4/29/55.

Reference is also made at this time to New York letter to New Haven dated 8/15/55 entitled [redacted] SM-C and NORMAN CAZDEN, SM-C", in which it is reported that CSNY 1558-S advised 7/23/55 that both NORMAN CAZDEN and [redacted] are employed for the summer months at Camp Woodland, Phoenicia, New York.

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On 7/29/55 one [redacted], Bridgeport, Conn., who is acquainted with the CAZDENS through a marital relationship and who is a police officer of the Bridgeport P.D., was contacted by SA HAROLD C. SWANSON. [redacted] advised at that time that he had learned that the CAZDENS were presently at Camp Woodland in Phoenicia, N.Y. and that the CAZDENS are expected to return to their Bridgeport residence about September 1, 1955. It should also be noted that physical surveillances in the vicinity of 84 Keeler Avenue have failed to reveal the presence of the CAZDENS at that address as of the current date. In the event Unsub male No. 3 is identified as NORMAN CAZDEN, it is suggested that the New York Office may desire some coverage of CAZDEN's activities or the activities of his wife while at Camp Woodland prior to September 1, 1955. It should also be noted that considerable investigation is underway in the New Haven Office regarding the activities of NORMAN CAZDEN and his wife and their possible relationship to the Connecticut underground apparatus.

It is requested the photograph of NORMAN CAZDEN be returned to the New Haven Office.

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)
 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-18953)
 SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
 ORGANIZATION
 INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: 8-18-55

Extreme care must be used in reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of the informant.

Re Chicago letter captioned as above dated August 12, 1955, to the Bureau and offices receiving copies of instant letter.

Referenced Chicago letter reflects that a meeting consisting primarily of Communist Party District Organizers was held at the Yugoslav-American Home in New York City on August 4, 1955, sets forth the names of persons in attendance, the agenda consisting of political prospectives for 1956 and CP tasks in the struggle for peace in the light of the Four Power Geneva Conference.

Political Prospectives for 1956

Referenced Chicago letter of August 12, 1955, reflects that CG 5824-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that ALBERT E. BLUMBERG gave the main report on the first item on the agenda and his report paralleled a memo by BLUMBERG entitled "Draft Memo on '56" and excerpts from this memo were set out in referenced letter. Instant letter is designed to supplement referenced Chicago letter with regard to BLUMBERG's report.

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 - 1 - 100-3-72 (CP, USA - Political Activities)
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- 3 - Baltimore (REGISTERED)
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1 - 100- (MARTHA STONE)

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1 - 100- (CP - Political Activities)
1 - 100- (SID TAYLOR)

22 - New York (REGISTERED)

1 - 134-91 (NY 694-S) (Info.)
1 - 100-80641 (CP - Organization)
1 - 100-89691 (CP - Domestic Administration Issues)
1 - 100-79717 (CP - Political Activities)
1 - 100-89590 (CP - Strategy in Industry)
1 - 100-80640 (CP - Negro Question)
1 - 100-80634 (CP - Farmers Matters)
1 - 100-12959 (CONNIE BART)
~~1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)~~
1 - 100- (WALTER BARRY)
1 - 100-9984 (ALBERT E. BLUMBERG)
1 - 100- (Mrs. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG)
1 - 100-50806 (GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY)
1 - 100- (SAMUEL COLEMAN)
1 - 100-24448 (LILLIAN GATES)
1 - 100-13473 (SIMON W. GERSON)
1 - 100- (ABRAHAM B. MAGIL)
1 - 100-84275 (WILLIAM L. PATTERSON)
1 - 100-66211 (MARTHA STONE)
1 - 100- (JAMES TORMEY)
1 - 100- (DOXEY WILKERSON)
1 - 100- (LEON WOFSY)

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1 - 100- (JACK ZUCKER)

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- 2 - San Francisco (REGISTERED)
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 - 1 - 100- (ADAM LAPIN)
- 2 - Seattle (REGISTERED)
 - 1 - 100- (CP - Political Activities)
 - 1 - 100- (JAMES TORMEY)
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Chicago copies:

- 1 - A)134-46
- 1 - 61-867 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
- 1 - 100-24279 (EMANUEL BLUM)
- 1 - 100-12890 (EARL DURHAM)
- 1 - 100-18104 (LEON KATZEN)
- 1 - 100-19491 (CP - Domestic Administration Issues)
- 1 - 100-17977 (CP - Political Activities)
- 1 - 100-19431 (CP - Strategy in Industry)
- 1 - 100-18956 (CP - Negro Question)

DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA -
ORGANIZATION

CG 5824-S orally advised SA JOHN E. KEATING on August 14, 1955, that BLUMBERG in his report pointed out that his memo is not a final document and that he wanted to deal with a couple of points in his report which are not in his memo, although the informant again pointed out that for the most part everything in BLUMBERG's report at this meeting is, in essence, contained in his memo.

CP Political Objectives
for 1956

BLUMBERG stated that the main objective of the CP in 1956 is to build movements on decisive issues in order to influence the course of the election no matter who is elected President. He stated that the CP should join with organized labor and others to oust the EISENHOWER Administration.

BLUMBERG said that the peace movement did not reach into Congress, as is illustrated by or contrasted with the movement for peace throughout the country. He stated that Congress has still not undone the damage of Mc Carthyism.

According to CG 5824-S, BLUMBERG stated that the CP must prepare a program for the next session of Congress and make known the record of the last session of Congress. He also suggested the organization of delegations to visit each Congressman while they are in their home districts.

1956 Issues In Order of
Importance

BLUMBERG stated that he wanted to list the following, in order of importance, as the main issues in 1956:

1. The demand for a peace-time budget; the cutting of taxes; the expenditure of money for social measures.
2. The raising of desegregation issues toward a higher level of struggle.

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3. The rights of labor.
4. The crisis in education, housing, and social measures.
5. The struggle for the revision of the Mc Carran Act.
6. Farm support prices at 90% of parity.
7. The recognition and use of the potentials of the Hennings Committee in the defense of the Bill of Rights campaign.

Examples of Movements that
Should be Encouraged

1. BLUMBERG stated that some time ago there was a proposal by the United Auto Workers - CIO to call a national conference to discuss national issues. He urged similar conferences at a local level or on a Congressional District basis.

2. BLUMBERG next urged encouragement of non-partisan movements that would focus their demands on both major party conventions.

3. That these labor and peoples' movements should prepare early to influence and determine the type of candidates which will be selected.

CP Tasks in 1956

BLUMBERG suggested that every CP district formulate as soon as possible specific electoral issues, that there be a concentration for choice of candidates and also the singling out for defeat certain reactionary and Mc Carthyite candidates, such as members of the Committee on Un-American Activities affiliated with Senator MC CARTHY.

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SAC, New York (100-74560) (#19-B)

8/19/55

JAMES E. REILLY, SA

CP, USA FUNDS
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NY 693-S* advised that on 8/9/55, Mr. [] contacted CP headquarters and asked for Mr. BART (believed to be PHIL BART) or Miss PAUL (believed to be JEAN PAUL). Mrs. [] (believed to be []) advised him that they were not in. [] said that BART was supposed to contact him at 10:00 A.M. and he had left several messages for him to call and BART should at least have the courtesy to call back. He said that he did not know what to do in the matter and he would not want to turn it in (believed to be to his office at the NY State Labor Department).

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NY 693-S* advised that on 8/10/55, a woman identified by the informant as possibly being [] called Chickering 4-7350, extension 87 and asked for Mr. []. She was advised that [] was available at the office only on Tuesdays. [] then left a message that Mr. BART could see Mr. [] at 11:00 A.M. on Friday (believed to be 8/12/55) morning.

The informant further advised that on 8/10/55, Mr. [] of the NY State Unemployment service contacted PHIL BART at CP headquarters. BART was very apologetic about previous efforts made by [] to get an appointment with him and indicated his great desire to cooperate. He agreed to see [] at CP headquarters at 9:30 Friday morning.

According to the Manhattan Telephone Directory the telephone number Chickering 4-7350 is registered to the New York State Department of Labor, Field Audit Section, 1440 Broadway.

- (1) - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (#19-A)
1 - NY 100-107211 ([]) (#19-A)
1 - NY 100-68934 (JEAN PAUL) (#20-11)

100-56579-1216

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2.37 am 9/30

MEMO
NY 100-74560

In the event it becomes necessary to disseminate this information care should be taken to protect the informant's identity.

SAC, Newark

8/19/55

SAC, New York (100-32622)

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NY 693-S* who was^{is} in a position to furnish valid information concerning CP Headquarters, 268 7th Avenue, NYC, advised that on 8/1/55, ANDY (believed to be ANDY REMES) contacted PHIL BART at CP Headquarters. ANDY said that he and [REDACTED] (possibly [REDACTED]) were waiting on 5th Avenue (possibly at 77 5th Avenue). PHIL said he would be unable to leave until someone came in as only SOLLY (believed to be SAUL WELLMAN) was with him.

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Later that same morning, according to the informant, ANDY again contacted PHIL BART and said they were still waiting at 5th Avenue and that JULIE (believed to be JULIAN LOWITT) was with them. PHIL said that they should come to the office as most of them are now in.

In the event it becomes necessary to disseminate this information, care should be taken to protect the informant's identity.

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- 1 - Detroit (100-SAUL WELLMAN) RM
- 1 - NY 100-14899 (ANDY REMES) (#7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (#19-A)
- 1 - NY 100-18671 (SAUL WELLMAN) (#7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-80398 (JULIAN LOWITT) (#20-11)

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SAC, New York (100-96985)

8/22/55

SA JOEL J. KEARNEY

CP, USA - UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS
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On 5/26/55 NY-2010-S* furnished photographic reproductions of documents then in the possession of JACK KLING. This informant has furnished documents which indicated KLING is a leading functionary in the national CP UG apparatus. On the above date, informant furnished a letter from P. (PHIL BART) to "My dearest" (CONSTANCE BART). The above letter is quoted as follows:

"By way of giving you my schedule. I do not know your exact plans. First, Abt informs me that the court usually settles all decisions - except basic ones, before its summer adjournment. It may settle my case in its last two decisions Mondays. We'll see. I have not had time to bother about it and do not know the details of my case.

"Should it remain unsettled then my schedule takes up the first two weeks and week-ends in June. You can keep that in mind, if possible to do so. By all means, I will want to hear from you.

"In our letters and discussions we usually deal with current developments. That is absolutely necessary. We must constantly examine our political line, how it effects and is effected by developments. This is a test of our ability to analyze and interpret events.

"Yet, it is well that we also take a look on every occasion at our fundamental program - the transformation of our present social system to a new social system - that of socialism. Maybe I am led to this by the fact that this is the middle of spring. But one must add the spring of our present era - the spring of socialism. Yes, that's what it is. Right before us we see its development.

1-NY100-56579 (PHIL BART) (7-5)
1-NY100-12959 (CONSTANCE BART) (19)
1-NY100-19249 (JACK KLING) (19)

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"In looking back a century we observe the whole panoramic view of the period. When we observe particular developments, they are usually within the scope of the whole historical epoch. Well, today, my friend, we cannot talk about generalities, we have to deal with crucial developments in this period of history. But, neither, can we ignore this whole beautiful vista unfolding before our eyes. Let's take a look at it. It does not blind us. On the contrary, it is beautiful to behold.

"All this by way of dealing with recent developments effecting more than half the population of this planet. The dying can only think of new bombs. How can they kill more people more speedily. I read the other day, I think it was Alsop, who spelled out in terms of dollars and cents how much it would cost to destroy all human beings. But while these kinds of thoughts are going through their minds (and this scoundrel is not the worst of them) representatives of Asia and Africa meet in Bandung.

"No, not a gathering of socialist countries alone. But the pass word to the conference is: against colonialism - even more precise - against imperialism. Enough to send an atomic shiver down the spine of Dulles & Co. The inexorable laws of struggle of the oppressed against their oppressors make this one of the great events of our era. Yes, a period where all roads lead to freedom.

"However to say this and stop would be insufficient. It will be a hard struggle. The war makers - those who want to check the advance of march of mankind will not stop so easily. But they do not have their ways all to themselves.

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"So, for the moment, all my love,

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Copies of the above are being attached to case files of CONSTANCE and PHIL BART.

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May 13th, Friday morning

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So, for the moment, all my love,

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SAC, New York (100-13473)(12-14)

8/25/55

JAMES E. REILLY, SA

SIMON GERSON
IS-C

NY 693-S* advised that on 8/17/55, SI (believed to be SIMON GERSON) contacted PHIL (believed to be PHIL BART) at CP Headquarters. He said there was some reason "from our friend" for a substantial revision of that draft which you and I worked on. SI said that the idea of sending something out was correct "he" felt, but "he" had some strong opinions as to its nature. PHIL said that he had not sent it out as yet because all that was done was the drafting of the motion. He said that if he didn't get that out he had copies of the report "troofed." SI said that "he" wanted to avoid what would appear to be formal directives. PHIL said he would contact SI on the following day when he was free, and they would try to work out the time when they could get together to work the problem out.

1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART)(#19-A)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, San Francisco

FROM : SAC, New York (100-81675)

SUBJECT: CP, USA PAMPHLETS AND
PUBLICATIONS
IS - C

DATE: 8/25/55

NY 1475-S*, who was in a position to furnish reliable information concerning activities at CP National Headquarters, 268 7th Avenue, New York City, advised that on 7/29/55, PHIL BART contacted MAC GORDON at the offices of the "Daily Worker" and asked him to come over to CP Headquarters right away.

RM

- 2 - San Francisco (RM)
 - (1 - SF 100-Daily People's World)
 - (1 - SF 100-HERB APTHEKER)
- 1 - Chicago (61-867)(CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)(RM)
- 1 - Newark (100-2974)(MARTHA STONE)(RM)
- 1 - New Haven (100-14795)(MARTHA STONE)(RM)
- 1 - NY 100-80532 (HERB APTHEKER)(#20-11)
- 1 - NY 100-66211 (MARTHA STONE)(#7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-98699 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)(#7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-74560 (CP, USA FUNDS)(#19-A)
- 1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART)(#19-A)
- 1 - NY 97-116 (DAILY PEOPLE'S WORLD)(#7-5)
- 1 - NY 97-169 ("DAILY WORKER")(#7-2)
- 1 - NY 100-21259 (MAC GORDON)(#12-15)
- 1 - NY 100-19679 (ISIDORE WOFSY)(#19-A)
- 1 - NY 100-8057 (EUGENE DENNIS)(#7-5)

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Letter to San Francisco
NY 100-81675

BART then commented to ISIDORE WOFSY that he would discuss the financial problem with MAC when he arrived. BART spoke of needing money and remarked that some of the districts had not sent their money in as yet.

BART also said that it was cheaper to put out the "Daily Worker" than the "People's World". He attributed this to the variance in the number of pages and the number of days a week it is published.

The informant further advised that, later that same day, MARTHA STONE commented to PHIL BART and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT that HERB APTHEKER had 15 minutes of free time once a month on an F.M. station in Berkeley.

Later that same afternoon, according to the informant, MARTHA STONE contacted GENE (believed to be EUGENE DENNIS) and cancelled an appointment she had with him for Monday (presumably 8/1/55). She told him that after talking certain things over with CLAUDE, she did not think it was necessary. GENE agreed with her.

In the event it becomes necessary to disseminate this information, care should be taken to protect the informant's identity.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-)

August 25, 1955

SAC, CLEVELAND (100-22513)

JACK (INU)
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reurlet dated 7-13-55, captioned "PHIL BART, IS-C."

Investigation effected by the Cleveland Office has revealed that Post Office Box 1165, Cleveland 3, Ohio, is registered to EDWARD CLAUDE GREENFIELD, indicted Smith Act subject of the Cleveland Office. GREENFIELD indicated to Post Office officials at the time he registered for the above box that all Communist Party mail should be placed in Box 1165.

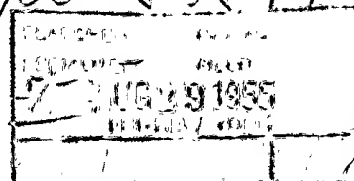
The identity of "JACK," who was also referred to as "HARRY" by BART, is not known, however, it is believed that this individual may be identical with HARRY CRAWFORD, a Security Index subject of the Cleveland Office who has been active in Communist Party Negro affairs for a number of years and who still maintains his residence in Cleveland, Ohio.

If any further information is brought to the attention of either the New York or Chicago Offices concerning "JACK" or "HARRY," it is requested that the Cleveland Office be furnished same.

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cc: 1 - New York (100-56579) (7-1) (PHIL BART) (RM)
1 - Chicago (100-) (EDWARD GREENFIELD) (RM)
1 - CV 100-5927
1 - CV 100-1207
1 - CV 100-1166

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM ** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-94)

DATE: 8-26-55

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-21222)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA -
UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Re Chicago teletype to the Bureau and New York captioned as above and dated August 24, 1955.

Extreme care must be used in reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of the informant.

CG 5824-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA JOHN E. KEATING on August 24, 1955, that the informant, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, and SAM KUSHNER, all members of the Illinois-Indiana Communist Party District Secretariat, had a long discussion on August 23, 1955, concerning the CP leadership, the national underground generally, and the underground in the Illinois-Indiana District specifically.

National CP Underground

CG 5824-S stated that the CP underground apparatus was discussed on a national basis in general

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- 1 - 100- (CP - Organization)
- 1 - 100- (JAMES WEST)

1 - Detroit (REGISTERED)

- 100- (CP - Organization)

(9) - New York (REGISTERED)

- 1 - 100-96985 (CP - Underground Operations)
- 1 - 100-80641 (CP - Organization)
- 1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
- 1 - 100-23825 (BENJAMIN DAVIS, JR.)
- 1 - 100-8057 (EUGENE DENNIS)
- 1 - 100-17923 (JOHN GATES)
- 1 - 100-19249 (JACK KLING)
- 1 - 100-14899 (ANDY REMES)
- 1 - 100-18672 (MAX WEISS)

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- 1 - 100-2748 (SAM KUSHNER)
- 1 - 100-1158 (ED STARR)
- 1 - 100-20289 (JIM WEST)
- 1 - 100-2749 (MOLLIE WEST)
- 1 - 100-19841 (MAX WEISS)
- 1 - 100-18953 (CP - Organization)
- 1 - 100-18963 (CP - Factionalism)

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terms by CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT inasmuch as it had a bearing upon the situation in the Illinois-Indiana District.

LIGHTFOOT stated that there has been an argument among national CP leaders concerning the status of the underground apparatus. According to LIGHTFOOT, EUGENE DENNIS was strongly in favor of retaining the underground apparatus while BEN DAVIS, JR., JOHN GATES, many of those persons presently in the underground, plus other national CP leaders were in favor of dismantling the underground setup.

LIGHTFOOT said that those in favor of dismantling the underground cited several reasons for this. One of these reasons was that they had come to the conclusion that the present underground apparatus is not secure, that is, that the FBI already has a number of persons presently in the underground under surveillance. Another reason advanced was that the underground apparatus in several districts has already started to dissolve, with many persons returning to the open Party district by district.

According to LIGHTFOOT, EUGENE DENNIS finally capitulated and agreed that the underground apparatus can be dissolved. LIGHTFOOT stated that while this decision may be regretted later, present plans, barring any unforeseen developments, are that by the middle of September everyone in the underground except the refugees (Comfugs) will be out in the open Party. The couriers and technical workers for the refugees, however, will remain in the underground. During this part of the discussion LIGHTFOOT specifically referred to VINCE, whom he identified as MAX WEISS, and stated that VINCE is one of those scheduled to be returned to the open Party by September 15, 1955.

Status of Leaders in the Underground
in the Illinois-Indiana District

ED STARR

CG 5824-S stated that during this meeting there was a discussion of the so-called revolt of ED STARR, who has stated that if he is not relieved from the underground assignment soon, he will come out into the open Party on his own initiative.

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LIGHTFOOT stated that he is not going to work with ED STARR any longer. LIGHTFOOT said that STARR had betrayed him after his arrest. According to LIGHTFOOT, there was an agreement that there would be no changes made in the leadership in this district if anyone in the leadership was arrested, yet after LIGHTFOOT's arrest, STARR called a special meeting for the purpose of reorganizing the leadership in this district. LIGHTFOOT referred to this action by STARR as insubordination and stated that despite his capabilities, STARR is not a disciplined Party member.

CG 5824-S further advised that LIGHTFOOT said that STARR has in the past turned down several important assignments, including the opportunity to be the National Organizational Secretary for the underground apparatus. He further stated that at the time of his, LIGHTFOOT's, arrest, it was suggested to STARR that he return to the open Party; however, at that time STARR gave a dozen reasons why he should stay in the underground, yet at the present time he is crying to come out.

LIGHTFOOT stated that he is going to have ED STARR sent out of this district and is going to make the suggestion to the National Office that STARR be sent to the Michigan District. LIGHTFOOT instructed KUSHNER to attempt to get in telephonic contact with STARR on Monday, August 29, 1955, and tell STARR that he will be out of the underground by the middle of September, that this entire matter is being discussed nationally, but that KUSHNER is not to tell STARR that he may be shipped to Michigan.

DAVID ENGLESTEIN

According to the informant, LIGHTFOOT stated that even ED STARR has said that JOHN (DAVID ENGLESTEIN) is a liability, that he is such a security problem that STARR had to permit JOHN to live with him for a while for security reasons.

LIGHTFOOT stated that he is also going to send JOHN out of this CP district and will suggest to the National

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Office that JOHN also be sent to the Michigan District. LIGHTFOOT cautioned that this matter should not be discussed with anyone else at this time and the informant pointed out that these are proposals that have not yet been finalized.

Contemplated Leadership for
Illinois-Indiana District

MOLLIE and JAMES WEST

LIGHTFOOT stated that there is a good possibility that MOLLIE WEST, who is on vacation, will not return to this district as the Organizational Secretary since she will join her husband, JIM WEST, when he returns to the open Party.

LIGHTFOOT stated that he does not want JAMES WEST in the Illinois-Indiana District. He said that JAMES WEST is extremely capable but that he is a "peacock", that is, he is a stubborn prima donna and will not tolerate the slightest criticism. LIGHTFOOT said that he is not sure that the Ohio District wants JIM WEST since they have had trouble with him.

According to the informant, LIGHTFOOT stated that he, SAM KUSHNER, and CG 5824-S, in addition to one other person, will form the nucleus of the leadership in the Illinois-Indiana District. Concerning himself, LIGHTFOOT stated that he plans to spend about three weeks out of every four in this district and the other week in New York City. He pointed out that there will be more people available for the work of the National Office when those presently underground return to the open Party.

LIGHTFOOT stated that for the fourth person in the nucleus of leadership in this district he would like to have one of the following persons, who are listed in order of LIGHTFOOT's preference: PHIL BART, JACK KLING, or ANDY REMES. LIGHTFOOT stated that if he can obtain one of these people for this district, that this person will be the Organizational Secretary, replacing MOLLIE WEST.

TO: SAC, Newark (100-2974)
FROM: SAC, New York (100-66211)
SUBJECT: MARTHA STONE
IS - C

DATE: 8/31/55

NY 693-S*, who was in a position to furnish reliable information concerning CP Headquarters, 268 7th Avenue, NYC, advised that on 7/29/55 MARTHA (believed to be MARTHA STONE) contacted CP Headquarters and asked if CLAUDE (believed to be CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT) had called her. She was informed that he had not but that he was expected in at 3:00 o'clock. MARTHA then said she would be right over.

The informant further advised that later that same afternoon, MARTHA STONE contacted CONNIE BART and discussed a trip planned for the following day. MARTHA said that FRIEDA NORMAN was going with them. MARTHA said that she would meet CONNIE at the George Washington Bridge at 11:00 o'clock in the morning and that it would take 3 hours to arrive at their destination.

NY 683-S* also advised that on 7/29/55 [redacted] at the "Daily Worker" was told that CLAUDE could see her at CP Headquarters at 5:00 o'clock. [redacted] agreed to the appointment.

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Also according to the informant, on 7/29/55 GEORGE WATT calling from Cleveland, Ohio, contacted MARTHA STONE at CP Headquarters. He asked her about the matter which GEORGE BLAKE, AL TERESTMAN, MARTHA and himself had been discussing.

RM

1 - Chicago (61-867) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT) "

2 - Cleveland "

(1 - 100-Compros)

(1 - 100-GEORGE WATT)

1 - New Haven (100-14795) (MARTHA STONE) "

1 - NY 100-98699 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT) (#7-5)

1 - NY 100-12959 (CONNIE BART) (#12-15)

1 - NY 100-90029 [redacted] (#12-16)

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1 - NY 100-82571 (FRIEDA NORMAN) (#12-13)

1 - NY 100-18673 (GEORGE WATT) (#19-A)

1 - NY 100-50806 (GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY) (#7-5)

1 - NY 100-85283 (AL TERESTMAN) (#12-14)

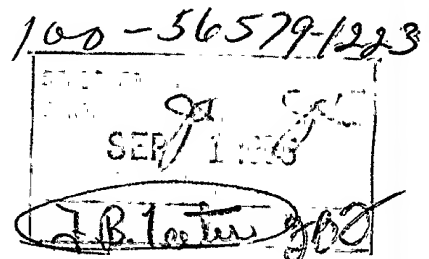
1 - NY 100-107211 (LILLIAN LEWIS) (#19-A) 12-16

1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (19-A)

1 - NY 100-81752 Sub 9 Compros Cleveland (#7-5)

1 - NY 100-WALTER (LNU) (GEORGE WATT asked MARTHA STONE to give an unidentified article to WALTER, according to 693-S* on 7/29/55)

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Letter to Newark
NY 100-66211

She said that there was nothing to worry about; there was nothing conclusive as yet. WATT then asked her if she had thought today about his bill. She replied that she had but the BRIDGES (believed to refer to HARRY BRIDGES) Case had been thrown out and ALITA YATES' contempt sentence was reduced from three years to one year. She then asked GEORGE how he had made out. He said that "we" expect to hear from the judge next week as to which lawyers he would appoint for "us" and it looked like they were definitely going to trial in October. He said further that the judge had thrown out their motions.

He asked MARTHA to call his home and tell his wife that he would be in on a plane about 8:00 o'clock and would be home about 9. He also asked MARTHA if she had gotten the thing which he had given her. She said that she had and that she was going to talk to CLAUDE about it that night but that it could wait as she had had no time to look it over. WATT said that it could not wait and told her to give it to WALTER (not further identified) to look over.

According to NY 683-S*, on 8/1/55, an unidentified man who described himself as GEORGE WATT's "buddy" contacted LIL (believed to be LILLIAN LEWIS) at CP Headquarters and asked to speak to MARTHA STONE. He was informed that MARTHA was at home. The man then said that he would contact her there and asked if WATT had gone on vacation. LIL stated that he had.

In the event it becomes necessary to disseminate this information, care should be taken to protect the informant's identity.

The following additional information was learned from NY 693-S* on 8/1/55. MARTHA STONE contacted LIL at CP Headquarters and stated that she would not be in that day as her child was sick. LIL said that PHIL BART was holding a meeting at that time.

SAC, New York (100-12481)20-10

9/2/55

SA JAMES E. REILLY

BERNARD ADES
SM-C

NY 693-S* advised that on 8/29/55, BERNARD ADES contacted ISIDORE WOPSY at CP headquarters. ADES asked for PHIL BART and was informed that PHIL was on vacation. He then stated that a Mr. ROSENBERG, examiner for the State Unemployment Insurance Fund, wanted to examine the books the following morning at 9:30. WOPSY told ADES that ROSENBERG had already checked and that the only thing he wanted was what ADES had. ADES said that ROSENBERG wanted to look at the ^{by}Disbursement Book and WOPSY replied that there was no Disbursement Book. He tried to have ADES postpone the examination for a week until PHIL BART returned but ADES was in favor of getting the matter over with. He said that he would be there at 9:30 and WOPSY said that he would try to be there also.

- 1 - NY 100-19679 (ISIDORE WOPSY)19-A
- ① - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART)19-A
- 1 - NY 100-74560 (CP USA FUNDS)19-A

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SAC, New York (100-84275) (#12-14)

9/6/55

JAMES E. REILLY, SA

WILLIAM L. PATTERSON
IS-C

NY 693-S* advised that on 8/19/55, BILL PATTERSON contacted GEORGE WATT at CP headquarters and told him that something vitally important to the operation had just arrived, and that the people who brought it had to leave town immediately. He said it was left at 210 W. 50th St., on the fourth floor, and it was quite a considerable thing. He said it must be picked up by someone from the CP office on that day, and that who ever picked it up should ask for LOUISE THOMPSON. GEORGE asked where it should be taken and BILL told him that they were to keep it as it should be given to PHIL (believed to be PHIL BART), and asked GEORGE if he understood that it was something that PHIL used. BILL said that he did not want to take it with him to the country as it was too large. GEORGE asked if it would be all right to send anyone who happened to be in the office and BILL replied that it would be all right but that the party who went for the material should bring a note so that LOUISE would know that it was all right.

- 1 - NY 100-18673 (GEORGE WATT) (#19-A)
- 1 - NY 100-24624 (LOUISE THOMPSON) (#12-16)
- 1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (#19-A)

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SAC, Chicago (61-867)

9/7/55

SAC, New York (100-90699)

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT
IS-C

NY 1475-8*, who is in a position to furnish reliable information concerning activities at CP National Headquarters, 268 7th Ave., NYC, advised that on 8/11/55, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, at CP National Headquarters, called a Mr. DAVIS (believed to be BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR.) and said that he wanted to see him that evening concerning new developments in his case. CLAUDE agreed to drop by his house, at about 9:00 PM that evening. He said he was leaving town the following evening, but would probably return in two or three weeks.

According to the informant, later that same afternoon PHIL BART, at CP National Headquarters, told MARTHA STONE and LIGHTFOOT that the Party could not undertake a campaign on GEORGE BLAKE's case because it was a narrow issue narrowly placed.

LIGHTFOOT said that he would not be coming in for a few weeks as he was going on vacation and that when he did come in he was coming by train as he wanted no more flying.

In the event it becomes necessary to disseminate this information care should be taken to protect the informant's identity.

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- 1 - Newark (100-2974) (MARTHA STONE) *RM*
- 1 - New Haven (100-14795) (MARTHA STONE) *RM*
- 1 - NY 100-66211 (MARTHA STONE) (#7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (#19-A)
- 1 - NY 100-23825 (BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR.) (#7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-50906 (GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY) (#7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-80641 (CP, USA, ORGANIZATION) (#12-14)

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NY 1475-S*, who is in a position to furnish reliable information concerning activities at CP National Headquarters, 268 7th Ave., NYC, advised that on 8/11/55, PHIL BART said he went to Cleveland for a day to spend with HY (believed to be HY LUMER).

If it is necessary to disseminate this information care should be taken to protect the informant's identity.

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(1) - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (#19-A)

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TO : Director, FBI (100-3284)

DATE: 8/13/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-56579)

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART, was
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SMITH ACT OF 1940

Corrected Security Index cards
attached. Substitute for cards
in file and destroy old cards.
Place photo and description on
reverse side of geographical card.

It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the
above-captioned individual.

☒ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be
changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME PHILIP BART

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK 100-56579

DATE: 9-12-55

FROM : E. W. WALSH, SUPERVISOR SECTION 3

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART, WAS.

ASSIGNMENT NEW ASSIGNMENT CARD PREPARED. FOLLOWING IS INFORMATION
FROM PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENT CARD WHICH HAS BEEN DESTROYED.

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J. R. Kennedy 10-10-51
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D. Barry 9-30-53
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W. Carroll 5-3-55
F. B. Teeter 6-9-55

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-79)
 FROM :
 SUBJECT: SAC, NEWARK (100-4264-N)

DATE: 8/18/55

CP, USA
 FARM MATTERS
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IN THE EVENT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS DISSEMINATED, IT MUST BE COMPLETELY PARAPHRASED SO AS TO NOT PLACE THE INFORMANT IN A LOCALITY OR ACTIVITY AT ANY TIME.

[redacted] was contacted on 8/11/55 by SA RICHARD H. BLASER of the New York Office and SA BRYAN P. JIMNETT, JR., of Newark.

The informant furnished a copy of [redacted] concerning the farm policy of the CP, USA, concerning which the Bureau has been previously advised.

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According to [redacted]

[redacted] in an effort to "unfreeze a frozen situation."

[redacted] was demanded by PHIL BART for use in preparing revisions in the National Party set-up.

According to informant, [redacted]

He suggested that the following proposals might be of assistance:

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PHIL BART
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Two copies of [redacted] are enclosed for Bureau, as well as 2 for New York as indicated.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-63)
 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-17769)
 SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA -
 FUNDS
 INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: 8-22-55

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The following is one of the most delicate matters that has been reported by CG 5824-S, a highly placed informant who has furnished reliable information in the past. For this reason it cannot be too strongly emphasized that this information must be most carefully handled and reported in order not to jeopardize the security of the informant.

CG 5824-S on August 6, 1955, orally advised SAs CARL N. FREYMAN and JOHN E. KEATING that on Monday evening, August 1, 1955, PHIL BART, a member of the National Administrative Committee of the Communist Party who is in charge of CP finances and holds a position equivalent to National Organizational Secretary of the CP, asked the informant to go to New Jersey from New York City in order to see ROBERT WIRTZ. It is to be noted that CG 5824-S knew ROBERT WIRTZ several years ago as a CP member in the Illinois District and as a Section Organizer for the CP in Peoria, Illinois. During that time WIRTZ was living in poverty, had a child who was seriously ill, and CG 5824-S was instrumental in

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- 4 - New York (REGISTERED)
 - 1 - 100-74560 (CP, USA - Funds)
 - 1 - 100- (CONNIE BART)
 - 1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
 - 1 - 100-11180 (STAN LEVISON)

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- 4 - Newark (REGISTERED)
 - 1 - 100- (CP, USA - Funds)
 - 1 - 100- (ROBERT WIRTZ)
 - 1 - 100- [REDACTED]
 - 1 - 100- (CHARLES NUSSER)

- 1 - CG A)134-46
- 1 - CG 100-3960 (BILL SENNETT)

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getting financial assistance for WIRTZ from CP funds. Because of this, the CP nationally and in Illinois at the present time felt that CG 5824-S was the proper person to make contact with ROBERT WIRTZ in an attempt to secure a substantial contribution to the CP.

Meeting Between PHIL BART,
ROBERT WIRTZ, and CG 5824-S

CG 5824-S advised that on Monday evening, August 1, 1955, PHIL and CONNIE BART and the informant drove from New York City to Plainfield, New Jersey, and after some difficulty located WIRTZ's residence "on a mountain" about one-quarter of a mile from Plainfield. Informant stated that WIRTZ resides in a palatial mansion which has a tremendous swimming pool and rock garden, that New York City can be seen from his residence, and that the informant valued WIRTZ's home at approximately \$75,000.

CG 5824-S stated that they were cordially greeted by WIRTZ, who, after some hesitation, recognized BART since they had both been active in the CP in Illinois at the time WIRTZ was in Peoria. CG 5824-S stated that considerable time was taken up in discussing personal matters and that CONNIE BART and BOB WIRTZ's wife did not participate in the discussion between the three men.

During the conversation with WIRTZ, he told CG 5824-S that he had been visited by the FBI, had told the FBI the truth, that is, that he is not a CP member at the present time, and pointed out his present mode of living to substantiate this fact. WIRTZ stated, however, that he told the FBI that he would not talk about his friends. WIRTZ stated that he had been visited by FBI agents on more than one occasion and had also been visited by agents of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, but did not state the reason for the contact by INS. WIRTZ further stated that on the occasion of the last visit to him by FBI agents, he had gone to the company attorney for advice as to what he should do. When the attorney asked WIRTZ if he had anything to tell the agents, WIRTZ replied in the negative. The attorney then advised WIRTZ just to entertain the agents when they visit him.

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Concerning his present economic status, WIRTZ stated that he had invented a printing process which does not require the use of metals, that he has a patent and an iron-clad contract with a company which gives him two percent of the income and his expenses, and that he has a guaranteed income of \$45,000 for 1955. He further stated that about one year ago he came close to making one million dollars, but some other company had beaten him to this opportunity. He further stated that his father, who resides in Chicago, clears \$2,000 a month on an invention which he had turned over to his father.

Concerning his brother, WILLARD WIRTZ, of Chicago, BOB said that he is anything but sympathetic to Communism and that he cannot even talk to his brother WILLARD, who is a close personal friend of ADLAI STEVENSON, 1952 Democratic Presidential candidate. BOB WIRTZ did say that he knows that WILLARD has discussed his, BOB's, past activity with STEVENSON. BOB was surprised to learn from CG 5824-S that WILLARD WIRTZ had even agreed to see WILLIAM L. PATTERSON recently while PATTERSON was in Chicago attempting to obtain legal counsel for the CP in preparation for the United States Supreme Court hearing on the McCarran Act. WIRTZ told CG 5824-S and BART that he is interested in Democratic politics at the present time and has been elected to the Water Commission.

CG 5824-S stated that after a few gentle hints from BART, the informant finally asked WIRTZ for a contribution to the CP and also asked him what the possibilities were of the Party getting in on his business or on some business that he might set up for the Party.

WIRTZ stated that he could not give any money at the present time but that maybe in a few weeks he would be able to give a few hundred dollars. He stated that his wife is "going crazy about security" and that the family keeps track of his income. At this time WIRTZ told BART and CG 5824-S that BILL SENNETT, who is presently the acting Organizational Secretary of the Illinois-Indiana District of the CP, had given his name to CHARLES NUSSE. NUSSE

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sent some guy, who was not identified by WIRTZ, to see WIRTZ. This person said to WIRTZ "I hear you are a member of the Communist Party." WIRTZ stated that he would not even talk to this individual. Since WIRTZ said he might contribute to the CP in a few weeks, he asked CG 5824-S if the informant would come back to see him for his contribution. The informant told him that he would not be able to do so but that BART would arrange a contact and that NUSSER would be told to leave him alone.

Concerning the establishment of a business for the CP, WIRTZ told CG 5824-S and BART that he is not a businessman, but if the Party finds some business he may be able to render some assistance.

Suggestion by PHIL BART

CG 5824-S stated that after leaving the WIRTZ residence, BART suggested that he send STAN LEVISON to see WIRTZ in an attempt to get a contribution to the Party from him. Informant stated that he told BART that in his opinion LEVISON's mechanical method of operation would be a detriment in contacting a person such as BOB WIRTZ.

Evaluation of WIRTZ by CG 5824-S

CG 5824-S stated that in his opinion, the statement WIRTZ said he made to the FBI that his present mode of living reflects that he is not a CP member at this time is a true statement. The informant is of the impression that WIRTZ wants to have nothing to do with the CP, that he is out to make as much money for himself as possible, and that his wife wants to have even less to do with the CP.

CG 5824-S stated that in his opinion, it is almost a form of blackmail for the CP to demand contributions from him and that WIRTZ has the dilemma of deciding which is worse, an open fight with the CP with the possibility of having his background publicized or the giving

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of a few dollars to the CP in order to keep the Party quiet. On the other hand, CG 5824-S pointed out that BOB WIRTZ must realize that the CP does not want to hurt BOB's brother, WILLARD WIRTZ, who has close ties with ADLAI STEVENSON, and that a public exposure of BOB's background would do this.

It is again pointed out that extreme caution must be used in handling and reporting the above meeting in order to afford maximum security to this highly placed informant.

SAC, Newark (100-2974)

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SAC, New York (100-66211)

MARTHA STONE
IS - C

NY 1475-S*, who was in a position to furnish reliable information concerning activities at the CP National Headquarters, 268 7th Avenue, NYC, advised that on 7/26/55, MARTHA STONE proposed to PHIL BART, GEORGE WATT and AL BLUMBERG that CONNIE (believed to refer to CONNIE BART) help BILL from the CRC (believed to refer to WILLIAM ALBERTSON) with the case regarding the "Bail Question".

MARTHA added that they must form a mass fight on the bail question.

In the event it becomes necessary to disseminate this information, care should be taken to protect the informant's identity.

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- 1 - New Haven (100-14795) (MARTHA STONE) (RM)
- 1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (#19-A)
- 1 - NY 100-9984 (AL BLUMBERG) (#19-A)
- 1 - NY 100-18673 (GEORGE WATT) (#19-A)
- 1 - NY 65-5604 (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (#7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-12959 (CONNIE BART) (#12-15)
- 1 - NY 100-80675 (CRC) (#7-2)

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SAC, New York (100-69936)

HELEN ALLISON WINTER
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NY 1475-S*, who was in a position to furnish reliable information concerning activities at CP National Headquarters, 263 7th Avenue, New York City, advised that on 8/1/55, an unidentified man at CP Headquarters asked if BELIN (believed to be HELEN ALLISON WINTER) had been in contact as yet. He also asked if MARION's (believed to refer to MARION BACHRACH) telephone number was available because BELIN would be staying there. The informant was unable to discern the reply.

On that same day, according to the informant, an unidentified woman contacted CP National Headquarters and asked for AL BLUMBERG but was told by PHIL BART that BLUMBERG was not there.

According to the informant, BART then stated that the conference (the CP National Conference) itself opens tomorrow (8/2/55) and it was to be held tomorrow and Wednesday. BART also stated that on Thursday (8/4/55) they were having a meeting on Geneva.

The informant further advised that, later that same morning, SI (believed to be SIMON GERSON) contacted SAULIE (believed to be SAUL WELLMAN) at CP National Headquarters. SAULIE asked SI about a report and SI told him that he might possibly locate it in one of the two file cases which were in the big room next to the little room at CP Headquarters. He said that one of the file cases was a legal file and that the other one was a regular size green file. He instructed SAULIE to pull the top file drawer out and look to see if he could see the caption "1955-1956 Elections". He said that a thick report might be located in there.

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- 1 - Detroit (100-69936) (RM)
- 1 - NY 100-41932 (MARION BACHRACH) (#7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-9984 (AL BLUMBERG) (#19-A)
- 1 - NY 100-18671 (SAUL WELLMAN) (#7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-13473 (SIMON GERSON) (#12-14)
- 1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (#19-A)
- 1 - NY 100-80641 (CP, USA ORGANIZATION) (#12-14)

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

DATE: August 26, 1955

FROM : SA FRANKLIN B. TEETER

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C.

Re report of writer dated 7/27/55 and FD -122 dated 8/18/55 (Ser 1183).

Inasmuch as the writer is being transferred to another section and this case is being reassigned, the following information is set forth:

The cover letter to referenced report recommended that subject in the future be designated a Top Functionary. He is presently carried as a key figure. To date no answer from the Bureau has been recieved.

Also, referenced report set out a lead for New York to verify subject's residence at 530 E. 22nd Street, Brooklyn. Because of this the case was placed in a pending status instead of the normal P*. Subject's residence has since been verified and the Bureau notified by referenced FD-122. However, the case is still in a pending status. After a conference with the supervisor of Section 7-5, it was decided to leave it so until the Bureau makes its decision on subject's Top Functionary status. Then have case posted P* on the incoming communication.
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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

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SAC, CHICAGO (100-18953)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA -
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CG 5824-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SAs JOHN E. KEATING and CARL M. FREYMAN on August 20, 1955, that he recalled that at the organization meeting held in Communist Party headquarters in New York City on August 1, 1955, PHIL BART, a member of the National Administrative Committee who holds a position equivalent to National Organizational Secretary of the CP, wrote the following information on the blackboard which was used at this meeting.

BART indicated that at the present time the CP, USA, has 25 districts. Of these 25 districts the National Office of the CP has no statistics on membership from seven districts and that the statistics from the 18 other districts are far from accurate. CG 5824-S is of the opinion that the seven districts mentioned by BART for which the National Office has received no statistics would be the smaller districts in the Party.

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- 3 - New York (REGISTERED)
1 - 100-80641 (CP - Organization)
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1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)

1 - CG A)134-46

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SAC, New York (100-80641)

CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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Re Detroit airtel, 7/1/55, detailing activities of CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, SAM KUSHNER, PHIL BART, a person tentatively identified as LEON NELSON, JOSIP FARBER, EARL DURHAM, JULIAN LOWITT, and Detroit functionaries from 6/20 to 25/55 at Detroit. Photographs of LIGHTFOOT, BART, FARBER, KUSHNER and the one tentatively identified as NELSON were furnished Chicago and NY.

NY 694-S was contacted by SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON on 8/17/55 and stated that NELSON is not known to him.

[redacted] on 7/28/55, was unable to identify NELSON as the person appearing in several photos. b7D

Reference is made to Chicago letter, 7/7/55, entitled as above, in which it was reported that CG 5824-S orally advised SA CARL N. FREYMAN on 6/28/55 that he had learned in a conversation with PHIL BART on the weekend of 6/25 and 26/55 that LIGHTFOOT, KUSHNER, NELSON and BART had been in the Michigan district the previous week.

It is suggested that CG 5824 be shown to the photos in which appear the person who may be NELSON.

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- 1 - Detroit (100-2050) (CP, USA-ORGANIZATION) (RM)
- 1 - Chicago (100-18953) (CP, USA-ORGANIZATION) (RM)
- 1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-63755 (LEON NELSON) (7-6)
- 1 - NY 100-37342 (JOSIP FARBER) (19)
- 1 - NY 100-80398 (JULIAN LOWITT) (12-11)

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 UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS
 INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Re Chicago airtel 9/2/55 captioned as above, reflecting that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT had told CG 5824-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, that decision may be delayed with regard to returning persons presently in the underground apparatus to the "open" Party because of the arrest on a secret indictment under the Smith Act in Buffalo, New York, on 9/1/55.

Extreme care should be used in handling and reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of the informant.

CG 5824-S orally advised SA JOHN E. KEATING on 9/2/55 that he had received the following information in a conversation with JACK KLING, who has just returned to the "open" Party from the national underground apparatus, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, a member of the National Administrative Committee of the Communist Party, and SAM KUSHNER, a member of the National Trade Union Commission of the CP, who had just returned from New York City. Informant received this information on 9/2/55.

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CG 5824-S stated that he learned that a decision has been reached to delay the date when some persons would return to the "open" Party. This delay may amount to two or three

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- 2 - Indianapolis (AM)(REGISTERED)
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 - (1 - 100-4317) (COMINFIL, USA - CIO)
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 - (1 - 100-74560) (CP-USA, FUNDS)
 - (1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)
 - (1 - 100-82430) (IRVING HERMAN)
 - (1 - 100-19249) (JACK KLING)
 - (1 - 100-) (HAL SIMON)
 - (1 - 100-66211) (MARTHA STONE)
 - (1 - 100-) (JAMES TORMEY)
 - (1 - 100-18673) (GEORGE WATT)
- 2 - Pittsburgh (AM)(REGISTERED)
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 - (1 - 100-19431) (CP-USA, STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)
 - (1 - 100-8495) (COMINFIL, USA - CIO)
 - (1 - 100-8009) (COMINFIL, UPWA - CIO)
 - (1 - 100-24800) (LOU DISKIN)
 - (1 - 100-3301) (DAVID ENGLESTEIN)
 - (1 - 100-3824) (IRVING HERMAN)
 - (1 - 100-) (JACK KLING)
 - (1 - 100-2748) (SAM KUSHNER)
 - (1 - 100-1158) (ED STARR)
 - (1 - 100-2749) (MOLLIE WEST)
 - (1 - 100-20289) (JAMES WEST)
 - (1 - 61-867) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)

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weeks or until the Party sees whether or not there will be additional arrests under the Smith Act. If there are more arrests, those in the underground will remain there for fear of being arrested as soon as they return to the "open" Party.

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ORGANIZATION

CG 5824-S stated that he learned that there is a big discussion currently going on within the Party concerning the disposition of forces. At the present time it is planned to send most persons returning from the underground to the CP districts from which they originally came. If there are no more arrests in the next few weeks after they return to the "open" Party, then there may be changes between districts.

The following are proposals with no definite decisions having been arrived at as yet with regard to the following persons:

PHIL BART

Informant learned that some of the leadership is out to get PHIL BART, who is presently on vacation and who at this time holds a position equivalent to National Organizational Secretary of the CP, and is also in charge of CP finances. The suggestion is being made that BART be replaced as National Organizational Secretary by MARTHA STONE. BART would be offered the position of being in charge of national CP funds or would be offered the position as Organizational Secretary of the Illinois - Indiana District of the CP.

JACK KLING

KLING stated that he had asked to be assigned to Chicago. He stated that he was asked to be MARTHA STONE's assistant, but said that he would not even discuss this matter. KLING stated that he is willing to accept any position in Chicago. He plans to remain in Chicago for approximately eleven days, then return to New York City for a few weeks. During the time he is in New York City, he will work on Party finances with PHIL BART.

It is noted that KLING formerly handled national Party funds. KLING stated that some of the matters pertaining to funds, formerly handled by the late WILLIAM WEINER, have still not been

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straightened out. Upon completion of this assignment, KLING will return to Chicago and may replace MOLLIE WEST as Organizational Secretary of the Illinois - Indiana District or may be assigned to work in the steel industry in South Chicago and Lake County, Indiana, in which case he would also be the National CP Co-ordinator in steel working out of Chicago.

IRVING HERMAN

CG 5824-S further advised that he was told that IRVING HERMAN also asked to be assigned to Chicago. HERMAN will remain in New York for a month or so before coming to Chicago. During this time he is supposed to set up a National Review Commission and it was stated that he could have the job as Chairman of this commission if he did not want to come to Chicago. HERMAN has indicated, however, that he wants to come to Chicago and work in an industrial section. In this event, there is a proposal that he may replace LOU DISKIN as National CP Co-ordinator in packing, since the Party is not pleased with DISKIN's work. CG 5824-S further advised that HERMAN is having domestic difficulties, his wife having asked him for a divorce some seven years ago, which he has not granted to her. There is some indication that HERMAN may go through with this divorce in the near future.

HAL SIMON

Informant learned that HAL SIMON is scheduled to come out of the underground any day, if he is not already in the "open" Party. SIMON is being considered for a position on the National Trade Union Commission of the CP, possibly replacing GEORGE WATT. He is also being considered for the position of National Organizational Secretary in the event that PHIL BART is removed from this position and MARTHA STONE does not replace BART.

JAMES WEST and JAMES TORMEY

CG 5824-S learned that JIM TORMEY has returned to New York City from Seattle and the feeling in the Party is that he did not help the situation in Seattle and may remain permanently in New York City.

JIM WEST, who has been in the underground and is scheduled to come to Chicago during the week of 9/4/55, has been considered for Chairman of the Ohio District of the CP and also for National Steel Commission Chairman. At the present time,

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WEST is also being considered for District Organizer at Seattle, replacing TORMEY.

ED STARR and DAVID ENGLESTEIN

CG 5824-S stated that STARR and ENGLESTEIN, both in the underground in the Illinois - Indiana District, have been seen recently by both KUSHNER and KLING. They have been told that they will return to the "open" Party, that their position is being discussed nationally and that the date for their return to the "open" Party has been set up from 9/15/55 to 9/22/55 or 9/29/55, while the Party is waiting to see if there are any more arrests under the Smith Act.

It is again pointed out that extreme care should be used in reporting and handling the above information in order to protect the identity of the informant and also that the informant stated that these are proposals and that changes may be made by the Party, particularly in view of the fact that CLAUDE LIGHT-FOOT is scheduled to confer with EUGENE DENNIS in New York City during the week of 9/4/55 with regard to the assignment of personnel.

HOSTETTER

SAC NEW YORK (100-80965) 20-13

9-7-55

SA DANIEL F. GARDE

MORRIS LANSER
S.M.-G

On this date [redacted], Brooklyn, N.Y. advised the writer that the LANSER family had returned to their apartment at this address yesterday morning (9-6-55) at about 10 a.m.. They arrived in an old, somewhat shabby sedan, operated by MR. LANSER. The latter proceeded to bring in a lot of duffel bags and other stuff. Later he went off in the car with his two children, the children reappearing several minutes later with ice cream cones, but LANSER himself did not return. [redacted]

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[redacted] did not have an opportunity to observe the license plate of the car operated by LANSER. He has not seen LANSER since, and does not know if he spent the night at this address.

[redacted] stated that just before their arrival , he observed the male visitor that has been using the LANSER apartment all summer, ~~XXXX~~ (PHIL BART) leave with a handled case that looked somewhat like a typewriter case. He stated that he has not seen this individual nor the woman who has been in the apartment with him (CONNIE BART) since. He said he was of the opinion that they would not be living here any longer, inasmuch as the LANSER apart-

1 NY 100- 12957
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1 NY 100- 32914

(Connie Bart) 19 ✓
(Phil Bart) 19 ✓
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ment has but one double bed and the two single beds used by the children, who presumably will be starting back to school next week.

He stated that during the course of the summer he received mail from MRS. LANSER with the return address of Camp Lakeland. He stated further that it was his understanding that she had been a counsellor there, and that she had spent last summer at Camp Kinderland.

[] stated that he never did find out the name of the people who occupied LANSER's apartment in their absence this summer; that the LANSERS made no mention that they were going to have visitors in the apartment, and the visitors consistently refused to give their names. Upon MRS LANSER's return yesterday, [] expressed the dissatisfaction of the landlord in this behavior, and her failure to give proper notification to him or the sup't. regarding the visitors. He had previously refused to accept her check for the rent due for two months, and the landlord later, on the evening of 9-6-55 also refused to accept her check. The landlord will probably institute dispossession proceedings against them. (MRS LANSER has a special checking account at Manufacturers Trust Co. on Flatbush Avenue, Mr Hamilton stated.) According to [] MRS LANSER asserted that the visitors who occupied her apartment for the summer were "her cousins".

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The writer observed a woman answering the description of CONNIE BART leaving the building at 9: 50 a.m. . Although a fire of the building was conducted from 7:45 am until 1.00 p.m. , PHIL BART was not observed. []

[] will advise this office if he sees the BARTS again.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, New York (97-169) (7-2)

FROM: LIONEL E. BELANGER, SA

SUBJECT: PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS, INC.
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DATE: 9/7/55

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On 7/22/55, [redacted] an official of the lower Manhattan Internal Revenue Service, 80 Lafayette Street, NYC, made available to SA LIONEL E. BELANGER the minute books of the Board of Directors meetings of the incorporating proceedings of the PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS, NYC. These minute books were photostated and the original was returned to the source. The photostat is being made an exhibit to instant file. The source advised that the Internal Revenue Service had reviewed the minute books during a recent audit of the books of the PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS, INC., NYC.

There is set out below the names of various individuals mentioned in these books and underneath each there is listed the page numbers where the name is carried:

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1- NY (100-83828)	(ALEX KULKIN) (20-13)
1- NY (100-14496)	(EMANUEL LEVIN) (20-13)
1- NY (100-64435)	(DOROTHY CACCHIONE) (20-11)
1- NY (100-56579)	(PHILLIP BART) (12-14)
1- NY (100-81771)	(DOROTHY ROBINSON)
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1- NY	(FNU) WHITE (7-5)
1- NY (100-21259)	(MAX GORDON) (12-14)
1- NY (100-97856)	(HELEN ALFRED) (12-16)
1- NY (100-8528)	(RICHARD BOYER) (20-9)
1- NY (100-53177)	(MILTON HOWARD) (12-14)
1- NY (100-23275)	(ROBERT HALL) (12-15)

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CLARA BODIAN MASSO
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NY 1475-S* advised that on 8/11/55, CLARA (believed to be CLARA MASSO) contacted PHIL BART at CP National Headquarters and told him that she wanted to see him. PHIL told her that he would be busy that day but would make it on the following morning, and asked her to be there at about 10:00 AM. Later that same day, according to the informant, BART contacted the offices of New Century Publishers and made arrangements with CLARA to see her at 4:00 PM that same day.

Later that same day, according to the informant, a female (indicated by the informant as possibly being CLARA) stated that she and JOHN (believed to be JOHN MASSO) had sent a telegram. She said she had to get translations of Spanish, French, and Italian and that JOHN, her husband, had translated the Italian. BART said he was trying to connect this and asked if SUNSHE (PH) used to write "Topics of the Times" in the editorial page (publication not disclosed). The woman answered that he had.

- 1 - NY 100-70114 (JOHN D. MASCO) (#12-14)
1 - NY 100-68934 (JEAN SMITH) (#20-11)
1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (#19-A)
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1 - NY 100- (SUNSHINE (PH)) (#7-6)

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In the event it becomes necessary to disseminate this information, care should be taken to protect the informants identity.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-80643) (#12-14)

9/14/55

JAMES E. REILLY, SA

CP, USA WOMEN'S MATTERS
IS-C

NY 1475-S* advised that on 8/11/55, a woman (possibly [redacted] told PHIL BART at CP National Headquarters that she would continue her present work among women on her own. She said she would see what ANDY (believed to be ANDY REMES) had to say on Monday (presumably 8/15/55) and what else he had in mind. BART told her that for her other work they could work out a basic committee and let it stand for two months before "she" comes out (possibly referring to CLAUDIA JONES), at which time they could set it up. The woman remarked that September would be here before they knew it.

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- 1 - NY 100-8033 [redacted] (#12-14)
- 1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (#19-A)
- 1 - NY 100-14899 (ANDY REMES) (#7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-18676 (CLAUDIA JONES) (#7-5)

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SAC, New York (100-12959)

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ROBERT J. KIRKLAND, JR., SA

CONSTANCE S. BART
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At 4:35 PM in 9/12/55, CONSTANCE BART was observed to leave CP National Headquarters on 7th Avenue near 25th Street. SAs EDWARD SNYDER and ROBERT J. KIRKLAND, JR. observed BART walk north to 34th Street, where she took the 7th Avenue subway to Newkirk Avenue station in Brooklyn. BART then walked to 2015 Newkirk Avenue and was observed to enter Apt. 4G.

[redacted] at that residence and both of the Negro race, were interviewed by means of suitable pretext. [redacted] advised that the BARTS moved to Apt. 4G of their apartment house on 8/15/55. They said that Mr. AARON A. LEVIN, who resides at Apt. 4K of the same address is the individual who asked that Apartment 4G be reserved for the BARTS when he learned that 4G was to become available on August 15th.

[redacted] stated that in their opinion "there is something suspicious" about the BARTS in that upon applying for the apartment they gave no previous place of residence, gave no names of present or previous employers. They also said that it was strange that "a couple as old as the BARTS" should move in with little if any furniture. They said that before the BARTS moved in, Mrs. BART gave the telephone number BU 7-7611 as the number where she might be reached. This is telephone listing of MORRIS LANZER, 130 East 22nd St., Brooklyn, where subject and husband resided during summer.

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[redacted] stated that the BARTS signed a two year lease, gave one month rent in advance as well as one month security deposit. They said that the lease is now at the office of the owner of the building. The directory of the building reflects the owner as follows:

Forsythe Apts, Inc.
JACK BLUSTEIN
625 Empire Blvd.
Brooklyn, New York

(1-NY(100-56579) (PHIL BART) (#19)

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[redacted] appeared completely cooperative and gave assurance that they would treat the matter of the inquiry confidential. [redacted] appeared to be much more intelligent than her husband, and it is suggested that any future inquiries, in so far as is possible, be directed to her. [redacted] telephone number is BUchminster 2-1923.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-81675) (#12-14)

SUBJECT: CP, USA PAMPHLETS
AND PUBLICATIONS
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DATE: 9/20/55

According to NY 1475-S*, who is in a position to furnish reliable information concerning activities at CP National Headquarters, 268 7th Avenue, NYC, on 8/10/55, PHIL BART was in conversation with an unidentified man at CP National Headquarters. PHIL asked if the unidentified man had spoken with AL (believed to be AL BLUMBERG) and the man answered that he had spoken to AL and told him what the situation was, but that AL had replied that there was nothing that could be done.

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- 1 - Los Angeles (100-) (CP, USA FUNDS) (RM)
- 3 - Chicago (61-867) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT) (RM)
 - (1 - 100- CP, USA PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS) (RM)
 - (1 - 100- CP, USA FUNDS) (RM)
- 1 - Newark (100-2974) (MARTHA STONE) (RM)
- 1 - New Haven (100-14295) (MARTHA STONE) (RM)
- 2 - San Francisco (100- CP USA PAMPHLETS & PUBLICATIONS) (RM)
 - (1 - 100- CP, USA FUNDS) (RM)
- 2 - Seattle (100- CP, USA PAMPHLETS & PUBLICATIONS) (RM)
 - (1 - 100- CP, USA FUNDS) (RM)
- 1 - NY 100-66211 (MARTHA STONE) (#7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-98699 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT) (#7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (#19-A)
- 1 - NY 100-18673 (GEORGE WATT) (#19-A)
- 1 - NY 100-74560 (CP, USA FUNDS) (#19-A)
- 1 - NY 100-9984 (AL BLUMBERG) (#19-A)
- 1 - NY 97-169 (DAILY WORKER) (#7-2)

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Letter to SAC, Los Angeles
NY 100-81675

PHIL then said he would propose that on the next day there be a motion that they turn over the whole front page to the Fund drive. He said the paper (presumably the DAILY WORKER) had to have \$20,000 to live on until its campaign began in October. BART remarked that if anyone was opposed to this proposal they could go out and raise the money themselves. He said if they could do it in a better way he had no objection but he was tired of listening to political arguments. He said he proposed that they bring in GEORGE (believed to be GEORGE WATT) and the unidentified man could bring MARTHA (believed to be MARTHA STONE) here and they would also have CLAUDE (believed to be CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT) in attendance too. BART said that the situation was very acute.

At this point the unidentified man remarked that that sum was the minimum and was also contingent on some circulation activity. He said they also had the problem of Labor Day and that this minimum would be the minimum for them until after Labor Day when they started their drive. He remarked "with this fifteen, on Labor Day our bill to him (not further identified) is going to be \$30,000." PHIL corrected him saying "with this fifteen it will be only twelve to him." The unidentified man replied, "twelve to him, that's right. Then we take rent, telephone, labor, taxes etc. Now something has got to come in. There has to be some income otherwise we might as well give up the ghost."

PHIL then mentioned making an appeal in the paper and asked that it be kept in mind that "this" goes in on Thursday and comes out on Friday and people leave for the weekend. He said they were putting it in on a bad day as it would be forgotten by the following Monday.

Letter to SAC, Los Angeles
NY 100-81675

Later that same afternoon, according to the informant, PHIL BART again speaking to an unidentified person at CP National Headquarters said "Los Angeles has 75,000, has 38,500 in. Washington 13,000, 4,000 in. Illinois County with 13,000, 7,200 in. San Francisco, Los Angeles between them they have 113,000 and between them they raised 57-58,000. San Francisco has 51%, Los Angeles has 52%." BART continued by saying, "this is as of August 3rd, August 1st was the 50% mark. Then they have subscriptions \$1,100 to come in. \$71,000 came in in cash and \$1,100 came in in subscriptions so a total of \$72,000."

In the event it becomes necessary to disseminate this information care should be taken to protect the informant's identity.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-22725)(#20-9)

9/23/55

JAMES E. REILLY, SA

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NY 693-S* disclosed that on 9/9/55, [REDACTED] contacted PHIL BART at CP Headquarters and stated that his children were sick, so he would like to have their date changed until 1:00 PM on Monday (presumably 9/12/55) when he could come into the office. BART was agreeable to this.

1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART)(#19)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-18571)

SAUL WELLMAN
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NY 1475-S*, who is in a position to furnish reliable information concerning activities at CP National Headquarters, 258 7th Avenue, NYC, advised that on 9/14/55, PHIL BART, at CP National Headquarters, received an incoming phone call from SAULIE (believed to be SAUL WELLMAN). SAULIE told BART that he was home sick with the grippe. BART told him that on the next Tuesday (presumably 9/20/55) they were having their regular meeting, and also that they proposed that the "get together" which SAULIE raised with them, be held in NYC instead of a week later on the 28 and 29 (presumably of September). BART asked SAULIE if he wanted to come in for both occasions or just leave it for the one occasion. SAULIE replied that he did not understand, and PHIL told him that 'CLAUDE' (believed to be CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT) and I were to come in. We proposed that instead of us coming in there, you come in here on the 28th and 29th for two days. SAULIE then asked when those dates were, and BART replied that they would be on a Wednesday and Thursday. PHIL said that they thought it better that SAULIE come in to NY on the 28th and 29th because it would give more people a chance to participate who would be unable to otherwise. SAULIE asked if there was going to be a meeting of the NAC that week and PHIL replied that there would not be on those days, and therefore, he was raising the question as to whether or not SAULIE could make both trips. SAULIE then told PHIL that he had to go to Washington. PHIL asked him when that would take place and SAULIE stated that he was scheduling it at the present time. PHIL then suggested that he forget about the next Tuesday and just make it to NY on the 28th. They agreed to leave the matter that way tentatively, and PHIL told SAULIE that he would contact him in the early part of the next week.

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- 1 - Chicago (61-867 CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)(RM)
- 1 - Washington Field (100- SAUL WELLMAN)(RM)
- 1 - NY 100-98599 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-50579 (PHIL BART)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-37342 (JOSEF FARBER)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100- (SLIM (INU))(7-5)

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Letter to SAC, Detroit
NY 100-18571

According to NY 1475-S*, later on 9/14/55, PHIL received an incoming call at CP National Headquarters from a man who identified himself as "this is FARMER (ph)" (it is believed that the name is possibly FARMER and that the individual is JOSIP FARMER). PHIL remarked that he was surprised to hear from the man because he wanted to see him, and in fact had called a couple of times but the man was unavailable. They attempted to make arrangements to meet and the man told PHIL that he would be away on Friday, (presumably 9/16/55). The man then asked PHIL if he recalled a letter, a copy of which PHIL was supposed to furnish to the man. PHIL replied that he remembered the letter. The man then asked PHIL if he had seen SLIM and PHIL replied that he had not, but he had received his message. The man then told PHIL that he needed a copy of the letter on Friday.

PHIL then discussed a pamphlet which had sold out in its second edition. The man expressed pleasure at hearing this news. At this point the man stated that his wife was not with him and he understood that PHIL wanted to see her too. He asked PHIL if he was still over "In our borough." PHIL replied that he was and then gave the man his telephone number as BU 7-7744, and asked that the man call him at that number on Sunday morning (presumably 9/18/55), at which time they could decide when and where to meet. In the meantime, PHIL said that he would give "that letter" to "the other guy."

In the event it becomes necessary to disseminate this information, care should be taken to protect the informant's identity.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-7456)(#19)

9/26/55

JAMES E. REILLY, SA

CP, USA FUNDS
IS-C

NY 693-S* advised that on 9/13/55, a Mr. ROSENBERG of the New York State Employment Service, contacted GEORGE BLAKE at CP Headquarters. ROSENBERG gave his phone number as Chelsea 4-7350, Extension 87, and asked for PHIL BART. BLAKE stated that BART was out and ROSENBERG asked that BART contact him as soon as possible.

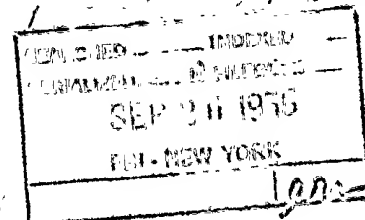
Later that same day, according to the informant, JEAN SMITH at CP Headquarters, contacted Mr. ROSENBERG at the New York State Unemployment Insurance. She said she was calling for BART who was not available and ROSENBERG stated that he had been trying to reach Mr. ADES, the accountant (believed to refer to BERNARD ADES), and that if ADES did not contact him before noon he would issue a summons. JEAN said she would try to get in touch with ADES.

According to NY 1475-S*, on 9/14/55, Mr. ADES contacted PHIL BART at CP National Headquarters, and told him that he would be able to come down (presumably to CP Headquarters).

According to NY 1475-S*, later on 9/14/55, PHIL BART was in conversation with an unidentified man (believed to be BERNARD ADES). The man told BART that it would be better if BART did not talk to them because what he said could be used against him. (It is believed the conversation refers to the aforementioned Mr. ROSENBERG of the NY State Employment Service). BART commented that "it happened while BETTY was here. I don't know what happened." The man replied that it would be alright and if "they" did not like it they could get BETTY (believed to be BETTY GANNETT) out and talk to her. BART commented "he don't know beans except he is an auditor." The man then stated "you can't take chances with these people. How do you know he is just an auditor?" The man then suggested to PHIL that if "he" calls again, PHIL should tell him to see "me."

- 1 - NY 100-50806 (GEORGE BLAKE)(#7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-68934 (JEAN SMITH)(#20-11)
- (1) - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART)(#19)
- 1 - NY 100-12481 (BERNARD ADES)(#20-10)
- 1 - NY 100-13483 (BETTY GANNETT)(#7-5)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM ** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-18953)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
ORGANIZATION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: 8-11-55

Extreme care should be used in reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of the informant.

The following information was furnished orally by CG 5824-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, to SAs JOHN E. KEATING and CARL N. FREYMAN on August 6, 1955.

Time, Type, and Place of Meeting

CG 5824-S advised that a national Communist Party conference dealing primarily with the defense of the CP in the light of the recent Four Power Conference in Geneva, Switzerland, was held in the Yugoslav-American Home in New York City on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 2 and 3, 1955. According to the informant, the meeting started at approximately 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday morning and ended at approximately 4 p.m. on each day. Night sessions had been planned but many of those present refused to stay any longer because of the excessive heat.

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The August 2 meeting started in a room located in the northeast corner of the top floor of the Yugoslav-American Home. This room has a bar at the south end and is adjacent to a large auditorium.

Provisions were made for sandwiches to be served at lunchtime so that no one would have to leave the building; however, a few people did leave the building at lunchtime in order to get some fresh air. At one time the meeting adjourned to the downstairs restaurant where fans were available in the hope that it would be cooler there; however, it was also very warm at this location and the meeting was again transferred to the hall previously described on the top floor.

The meeting of August 3 started in the restaurant, then was moved to the main auditorium on the top floor, and subsequently to two other halls on the top floor, including the one in the northeast corner where the meeting began on the first day.

Persons in Attendance

CG 5824-S advised that at one time during the meeting on August 2, 1955, he actually counted 52 persons in attendance, although an official press release by the CP gave the total attendance figure as 76. The informant is of the opinion that the attendance was not as high as the figure cited in the press release but stated that a few persons whose identities he did not know and who are from the New York area may have been in and out of the meeting from time to time.

The following list of persons in attendance is set forth by states. Most of the persons listed were present at both sessions with the exception of those from the Party press in New York and some of the New York leaders who only attended the session on the first day. (The reason for the failure of certain New York leaders to attend sessions on the second day will be set forth in a separate memorandum).

California

ADAM LAPIN, representing the entire State of California.

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Colorado

ARTHUR BARY, who was nominated without opposition as the Chairman of this meeting inasmuch as he is one of the latest Smith Act victims.

Connecticut

SID TAYLOR, District Organizer of the Connecticut District.

Illinois-Indiana

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, District Chairman;

CG 5824-S;

EMANUEL BLUM, Organizer for the State of Indiana and alternate member of the Illinois-Indiana District Committee.

LEON KATZEN, acting Chairman of the Lightfoot Defense Committee and member of the CP District Finance Committee.

Maryland

The Maryland District Organizer, whose name is not known to the informant. This individual was referred to both as JOE and as IRVING. He is described as follows: age about 40, height 6', 175 pounds, slim build, dark brown hair, somewhat wavy, brown eyes, prominent nose, speaks with a cultural or intellectual accent.

Massachusetts

ANN BURLAK;

SID LIPSHIRES, District Organizer for New England.

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Michigan

SAUL WELLMAN, District Organizer for Michigan;
HELEN WINTER.

Minnesota

ROBERT KELLY, District Organizer for Minnesota.

Missouri

BEN PHILLIPS.

New Jersey

CHARLES NUSSEER.

New York

- ✓ WILLIAM ALBERTSON, who was present only a part of the first day;
- ✓ MARION BACHRACH;
- ✓ CONNIE BART;
- ✓ PHIL BART;
- ✓ ALBERT E. BLUMBERG;
- ✓ GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY, District Organizer, New York District;
- ✓ SAMUEL COLEMAN;
- ✓ LILLIAN GATES;
- ✓ SIMON W. GERSON;
- ✓ MAX GORDON;
- ✓ JULIAN LOWITT;
- ✓ A. B. MAGIL;

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New York (cont'd)

✓ ALAN MAX;

✓ WILLIAM L. PATTERSON;

✓ ANDY REMES, who was present for one day only;

✓ JEAN SMITH, who was the recording secretary
for this conference;

✓ MARTHA STONE;

✓ ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG;

✓ DOXEY WILKERSON;

ISADORE WOFSEY, who was at this conference to
perform various tasks, such as distribution
of lunches, and did not actually participate
in the meeting itself;

LEON WOFSEY;

BOB _____, acting as Organizational Secretary
of the New York District in the place of LEON
NELSON, who was on vacation.

✓ North Carolina

✓ JUNIUS SCALES.

Ohio

ANTON KRCHMAREK;

HYMAN LUMER.

Pennsylvania

JACK ZUCKER, from Philadelphia, representing
the Eastern Pennsylvania District;

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Pennsylvania (cont'd)

An unidentified person referred to as JOE representing the Western Pennsylvania District. This individual is described as follows: age about 40, height 5'11", weight 175 pounds, dark brown receding hair, dark complexion.

Washington

JIM TORMEY, District Organizer.

Wisconsin

SIG EISENSCHER, District Organizer.

Defense of the CP

CG 5824-S advised that the entire two-day meeting dealt with the defense of the CP and the main report was given by CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, member of the National Administrative Committee. LIGHTFOOT's report, which will be published, had been read and approved by EUGENE DENNIS, WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, and the members of the National Administrative Committee of the CP.

LIGHTFOOT's report dealt with the present situation confronting the CP on the legal front. Using the recent Four Power Conference in Geneva, Switzerland, as a background, LIGHTFOOT urged a campaign to end the "cold war against civil liberties". He stated that the CP will wage a campaign for the defense of the Bill of Rights, the defeat of the McCarran Act, the defeat of the Smith Act, the implementation of the United States Supreme Court decision with regard to desegregation in public schools, the end of "union busting", and the publicizing of the opinion of the Pennsylvania State Court that federal laws take precedence over state statutes on sedition.

CP Campaign to Defend the
Bill of Rights

LIGHTFOOT reported that the national leadership of the CP has set aside \$50,000 for a mass sustained campaign of from four to six months' duration which will be known as a

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campaign for the defense of the Bill of Rights. During this campaign, the CP will seek to obtain eminent legal counsel, utilize legal maneuvers, hold forums and mass meetings, circularize petitions, utilize radio and other means of communication and propaganda, urge every CP member to arouse everyone in any mass organization of which he is a member, and use every other means possible to "concretize this crusade".

Reasons for CP Optimism for Obtaining
Legality by Means of the Defense of the
Bill of Rights Campaign as Reflected in
the Discussion at this Conference

~~CG 5824-S~~ advised that the delegates to this conference, echoing the main report of CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, were optimistic about the chances of the CP to obtain legality through its Bill of Rights campaign. The informant pointed out, however, that a lot of these reasons may have been advanced as lip service inasmuch as the main report of LIGHTFOOT had indicated that new opportunities for legality exist.

The Party leaders throughout the United States feel that the changing situation in international affairs as reflected in the recent Four Power Geneva Conference as well as the changes in attitude within the United States will make it impossible for the United States Government to repress the CP, USA, and at the same time pose as the leader of the free peoples in the world. The CP as a whole feels that the peoples of the European countries especially look upon the Government of the United States as a Fascist regime because of the suppression of the activities of the CP. It is felt by the CP, USA, that the United States will not be regarded in international circles as a democracy inasmuch as it talks about freedom and yet suppresses the activities of some of the people in the United States.

The CP also feels that Federal Court judges will be able to read the political barometer in the United States and as a result of this will make different interpretations of the laws pertaining to the activities of the CP. The Party feels that at the present time it is not as profitable politically as it has been in the past to follow the anti-Communist trend and that the Federal judges will become aware of this.

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The discussion at this conference also indicated that in every area in the United States, even in the Pittsburgh area, there is a growing feeling that constitutional safeguards are being endangered in the United States. Because of this, so-called "liberals" and other people who until recently have not even been seen talking to a known CP member, do so at the present time and it has been possible for the CP to talk to attorneys of various political views about the legal defense of the CP. It is therefore felt that there are growing opportunities to mobilize "liberals" and others for the defense of the CP.

There has developed a strong mass opinion against Senator JOSEPH MC CARTHY and "Mc Carthyism", which is being translated into a defense of the Bill of Rights and constitutional liberties and guarantees, and this is coupled with the lessening of tension in international relations.

The CP also feels that another factor working in its favor is the existence of anti-labor laws in many states and rulings by the administration, such as the recent action against the United Auto Workers of the CIO, which tie the CP in with various unions for the obtaining of certain objectives desired by both the Party and the unions.

The discussion also brought out that the CP feels that there is a lot of opinion against the JUNIUS SCALES case in North Carolina. It was stated that editors of three or four student newspapers pointed out that they hold JUNIUS SCALES in higher esteem as an individual than the student who testified in the trial against him.

Proposals Made at this Meeting

CG 5824-S advised that the following were among the proposals made at this meeting after LIGHTFOOT's report and the discussion which followed it, and that these proposals give an indication as to what transpired at this meeting.

1. That the National Administrative Committee of the CP take up all problems involved in this campaign and fight for the defense of the Bill of Rights, and that it constantly check on the progress of this campaign.

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2. That the CP launch a big campaign in the defense of the International Union of Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers of the United States and Canada.

3. That each CP district campaign for and attempt to obtain an amicus curae brief on the Mc Carran Act and any similar national or local issue where it is felt that such a brief would be helpful to the case or as a propaganda device.

4. That the CP distribute 100,000 copies of the pamphlet entitled "Not Guilty, the Case of Claude Lightfoot".

5. That the trial of GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY be utilized as a special struggle against the informer system in an attempt to compel informers to come out into the open. That the Party try to get the Hennings Subcommittee on the Defense of Constitutional Guarantees to call open hearings on the informer system of the Department of Justice, using the CHARNEY trial as a focal point.

6. That the CP utilize the human rights covenant of the United Nations to publicize and propagandize the cruel attack of the Department of Justice on MARION BACHRACH, who has twice been operated on for cancer.

7. That the Party step up the campaign for the release of "POP" MINDEL from prison because of his advanced age and ill health, and that in this connection the statements of both New York Senators, Mrs. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, and HELEN KELLER on the MINDEL case be given publicity.

8. That all CP districts hold conferences similar to this national conference.

9. That all CP districts obtain and distribute extra copies of the September issue of "Political Affairs", which will contain the political line of the CP endorsing the line set out in this conference.

10. That a national leaflet be prepared for Labor Day which will be an insert in "The Worker" and will launch the CP campaign for the defense of the Bill of Rights.

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E [Additional information concerning this conference will be set forth as soon as it can be obtained from the informant under secure conditions.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)
 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-18953)
 SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA -
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DATE: 8-16-55

Extreme care must be used in reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of the informant.

Reference is made to Chicago letter to the Director dated August 11, 1955, captioned as above, with copies to most of the offices receiving copies of instant letter. Referenced letter sets forth information from CG 5824-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, concerning a national Communist Party conference dealing primarily with the defense of the CP in the light of the recent Four Power Conference in Geneva, Switzerland. This conference was held in the Yugoslav-American Home in New York City on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 2 and 3, 1955. Referenced letter sets forth the names of persons who were in attendance at this conference, the fact that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT made the main report, which had been approved by EUGENE DENNIS, WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, and the members of the National Administrative Committee of the CP, a summary of LIGHTFOOT's report, the reasons for the CP optimism for obtaining legality by means of a Defense of the Bill of Rights Campaign, and also the proposals made at this conference. It is to be noted that CG 5824-S advised that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT's report will be published. It is also to be noted that an anonymous source of the Detroit Division had previously furnished a copy of a draft of LIGHTFOOT's report.

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This letter is designed to supplement referenced Chicago letter concerning this conference and will set forth the names of persons who spoke following LIGHTFOOT's report and also LIGHTFOOT's summation after the discussion.

Speakers at This
Two-Day Conference

CG 5824-S orally advised SA JOHN E. KEATING on August 14, 1955, that the following persons, in the order of listing, made speeches at this two-day conference and that for the most part, with the exception of JAMES TORMEY, as will be reflected in the summary remarks of LIGHTFOOT, the speakers echoed the main report of LIGHTFOOT inasmuch as he was speaking for the National Administrative Committee of the CP.

ARTHUR BARY
JAMES TORMEY
SI GERSON
SAUL WELLMAN
ADAM LAPIN
LEON KATZEN
HYMAN LUMER
ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG
WILLIAM L. PATTERSON
CHARLES NUSSE
HELEN WINTER
JOE _____, from Western Pennsylvania
(described in referenced Chicago letter)
PHIL BART
CG 5824-S
MAX GORDON
JACK ZUCKER
JUNIUS SCALES
BEN PHILLIPS
SIG EISENSCHER
ANN BURLAK
LEON WOF'SY
SAM COLEMAN and
MANNY BLUM.

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LIGHTFOOT's Summary of
the Conference

LIGHTFOOT stated that it had been a good conference, that he may have to modify his report because of some of the points raised, and that he believed that the speakers had raised the main points involved in the defense of the CP. He stated that he would re-emphasize these points and cautioned against a mechanistic point of view.

LIGHTFOOT stated that his report had left out many things, this was done purposely because the CP could not spread itself out in too many directions. He stated that the Party wants to achieve a singleness of purpose in this campaign, yet realizes that some other things must be raised, particularly if on a local scale they will lead us to achieve the main goal (the defense of the CP).

Defense of the CP and the
Labor Movement

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(According to CG 5824-S, LIGHTFOOT stated that the Federal Government's case against the International Union of Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers provides a method of getting a link to the entire labor movement in the Party's fight against the Communist Control Act. He further stated that the Department of Justice case against the UAW-CIO will undoubtedly move certain trade union organizations into the fight for the defense of the Bill of Rights.

LIGHTFOOT took issue with an idea raised by one of the speakers at this conference that the organized labor movement would not defend the rights of Communists. Citing an example, he stated that in 1951 the CIO had condemned the conviction of the eleven in the first Smith Act trial in New York City and the use of the Smith Act by the United States Government.

Continuing, LIGHTFOOT stated that in various states the labor movement is fighting oppressive laws, such as the sedition laws and the Bröyles Bills in Illinois. He stated

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that where there is an identity of interests the labor movement will fight, although the fight may be chiefly confined to the legislature.

LIGHTFOOT said that even though the labor movement has not defended CP leaders, it has on many occasions defended issues raised by the Communists.

LIGHTFOOT, emphasizing the next point, stated that it is necessary for the CP to find the identities of interests with the labor movement. * These interests can be the links--even in varied forms--between the CP and the organized labor movement.

Polemic Against JIM TORMEY

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CG 5824-S advised that in his remarks, JIM TORMEY had stated that the CP in its program had given an undifferentiated appraisal of the bourgeoisie, that is, that the CP had looked upon the bourgeoisie as one group and had made no differentiation in the various elements of the ruling class.

LIGHTFOOT stated that TORMEY's criticism was all wrong. LIGHTFOOT said that while the CP had thought that President EISENHOWER would move closer in his political thinking to former President HERBERT HOOVER, the late Senator ROBERT TAFT, and the group of Senator JOSEPH MC CARTHY, that the pressure of the masses had compelled something else, namely, a fight within the Republican Party. LIGHTFOOT stated that the CP should remember that this struggle inside the Republican Party helped to defeat and isolate Senator MC CARTHY, and further stated that the CP should keep this in mind, especially as we are coming closer to the 1956 election struggle.

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See Notes*

CG 5824-S pointed out that the CP had incorrectly estimated President EISENHOWER, believing that he would go over to the forces of Senator JOSEPH MC CARTHY. CG 5824-S pointed out that the President, by his actions, cut the ground out from under the CP and confused their thinking to the point that the CP will not even talk against President EISENHOWER.

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Amnesty Campaigns

The informant advised that LIGHTFOOT then talked about the amnesty campaigns. He stated that the CP must fight for amnesty for all Smith Act victims, including the refugees (Comfugs). LIGHTFOOT stated that this was a point which he had not emphasized enough in his report.

Humanitarian Aspects of the
Communist Party's Defense Campaign

LIGHTFOOT stated that the defense campaign of the CP will have to stress humanitarian aspects; for example, that MARION BACHRACH has cancer, the ill health and advanced age of "POP" MINDEL, the mothers with children who faced trial. He also stated that amnesty should be approached on a basis that families will be broken up and that an appeal should be made to women and religious groups on this issue.

Mobilizing the CP to Carry Out
Tasks in the Defense Campaign

LIGHTFOOT, making a clear distinction, stated that the National Administrative Committee under the leadership of the National Committee will fight not only to mobilize the CP but to see that these tasks will be carried through.

He stated that democratic centralism will be enforced and that the Party leadership will fight against those who hold back or mollify this project for whatever reason. (It is believed that this was a reference to the Michigan District which has stated that it cannot operate openly for security reasons and holds the position that a state of Fascism already exists in the United States).

LIGHTFOOT stated that the CP is united not only on the general line but united for its execution. He stated that we must mobilize the entire CP, find forums to politically educate the Party with regard to this campaign, and guarantee that the CP membership will discuss the problems which were discussed in this conference.

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While admitting that security enters into the picture, LIGHTFOOT stated that some methods will have to be found, especially to reach the functionaries, then we must politically mobilize the masses.

LIGHTFOOT also said that the CP must visit and talk to the most prominent individuals and get a hearing. Citing an example, he stated that when a committee went to see Professor HAROLD UREY at the University of Chicago about the ROSENBERG case, that he did not want to talk with them so they left a brief on the ROSENBERG case with him. According to LIGHTFOOT, after having read this brief, Professor UREY went to the committee, offered his assistance, and even wanted to personally appeal to the President of the United States in behalf of the ROSENBERGS.

LIGHTFOOT stated that we may find many individuals, who after they are convinced, will throw their support behind our cause. We must make them think that they have the support of hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of people.

"Left Initiative"

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(According to CG 5824-S, LIGHTFOOT then discussed "left initiative". He stated that it is not enough to just create general sentiment in favor of the rights of Communists as this will not propel certain of the non-Party leadership into action. He stated, however, that even these hesitant people will go ahead if they have the idea that there is a mass support behind them. For this reason spade work is needed by the CP and the "left" to move the so-called "right".

LIGHTFOOT stated that the CP has to use a lot of publicity to create a favorable sentiment and the present Party plans call for the distribution of a million pieces of literature, press releases, advertisements, etc. In this way the fight for the defense of the CP will become a community fight just as in the case of CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, which became a community fight when he went on trial in Chicago.

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Need for United Front

LIGHTFOOT talked of the need for a united front from below as well as at the top. He stated that if there is no united front from below we will limit the united front from the top since they go together. He also talked of the need for friendly polemics with the allies of the Party and suggested polemics as to why CP leaders need to be defended.

"Left Centers"

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[According to the informant,] LIGHTFOOT then went into the question of "left centers". He stated that he did not want to go into any debate on this question and urged left initiative from within and from without in organizations not under CP control but where CP members may hold membership.

The Louisville Case and the
Negro Question

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[CG 5824-S advised that/] LIGHTFOOT then went into a special discussion on the Louisville case. He stated that he had personally under-estimated this case and its implications but after a meeting in Chicago with MANNY BLUM, WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, and a person from Louisville whom he did not identify, he saw the real meaning of this case.

LIGHTFOOT stated that the Louisville case needs to be related to the fight for desegregation in the South. He said that the CP must challenge the Louisville pattern which says you go to jail if you promote Negro-white unity.

LIGHTFOOT emphasized that the CP must place before world opinion that desegregation, although it is a stated policy of the United States Government, is in reality a hoax and will be a hoax as long as its opposite is permitted in Louisville.

LIGHTFOOT stated that the CP must place this case, just as was the case of Genocide, the Martinsville seven, and WILLIE MC GEE, before the United Nations. LIGHTFOOT

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stated that whatever the outcome of these cases, they forced the United States State Department to be on the defensive because these issues in all their nakedness were placed before the court of world opinion.

New Smith Act Case in
New York City

LIGHTFOOT stated that the new Smith Act case in New York City involving GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY, ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, MARION BACHRACH, and others arose because of the informer system and urged the New York District to mobilize mass support against this trial on this issue of the informer system. He re-emphasized new opportunities to win mass support.

New Opportunities to
Win Mass Support

In conclusion, LIGHTFOOT stated that there are dangers and also there are still possibilities of attacks against the CP, but that the opportunities are more important than the attacks.

LIGHTFOOT stated that we need to arouse the morale of the CP and point out that we are entering into a new era of struggle. What we do now to move the masses is decisive and will undoubtedly affect the decisions before the courts.

Win or lose, if there is a mass struggle, we will undercut these oppressive laws.

Proposals

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[CG 5824-S advised that] following LIGHTFOOT'S summation, the following proposals were made: that greetings be sent to all Smith Act victims in prison, that greetings be sent to WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, that greetings be sent to the wives of Smith Act victims, that greetings be sent to Puerto Rican victims of the Smith Act, and that the Party be urged to help raise funds for these Puerto Rican Smith Act victims.

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Motions

CG 5824-S advised that the proposals were followed by the motions, which were set out in referenced Chicago letter, and the conference terminated after these motions had been made.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK(100-107419) DATE: 9/16/55
FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-38212)
SUBJECT: EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE
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On 6/14/55, Confidential Informant [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be protected, furnished SA JOSEPH G. KELLY with the following items obtained by the informant at a "Rebirth of Freedom" meeting held at the Broadwood Hotel, Philadelphia, Saturday, 6/11/55, under the auspices of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. These items are retained as exhibits in Philadelphia File 100-38212-1B-2 (29).

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1. A leaflet issued over signature of REBECCA MINDEL urging that letters be sent to the Federal Parole Board, Washington, D. C., requesting parole for her husband JACOB (POP) MINDEL, convicted Smith Act subject. This leaflet contains a photograph of REBECCA and JACOB MINDEL.

2. "Special Double Issue" of the "I.F. Stone's Weekly," Vol. III, Nos. 19 and 20, dated 5/30/55. This item contains an article on page one under the caption "The Supreme Court Strikes A Blow At The Witch Hunt" dealing with the

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(122-42) (100-50820) (JULIUS EMSPAK)
(100-56579) (PHILIP BART)
(100-) (THOMAS QUINN)
(100-) (JACOB MINDEL)
(100-) (REBECCA MINDEL)
(100-13644) (UERMWA)
(100-) (TED O. THACKREY)
1 - WFO (100-22286) (I.F. STONE) (REGISTERED MAIL)

CCS: PH 100-8670 (UERMWA)
100-34926 and 122-73 (JULIUS EMSPAK)
100-22157 (PHIL BART)
100-36945 (JACOB MINDEL)
147-8 and 100-37058 (I.F. STONE)
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Supreme Court's reversals of the convictions for contempt of the HCUA of JULIUS EMSPAK, General Secretary-Treasurer, UERMWA; THOMAS QUINN, Field Representative, UERMWA; and PHILIP BART, General Manager of the "Daily Worker." On page two of this item appears an article captioned "Cain of The SACB Debunks the Attorney General's Subversive List." It sets forth the remarks of former Senator HARRY P. CAIN before the B'nai B'rith at Lake Kiamesha, N.Y., in May 1955, in which CAIN criticized the list of subversive organizations compiled by the Attorney General.

On pages three through seven of this item appears the full text of the Supreme Court decisions in the QUINN, BART, and EMSPAK cases.

On page eight under the caption "You Can't Have Thought Control and Free Thought" appears an article regarding former Senator HARRY P. CAIN. This article describes CAIN as a "kind of Haroun Al-Raschid of the Security World;" cautions that CAIN is merely trying to reform the security system, not abolish it; points out that CAIN praised the Feinberg law in New York.

Also on page eight of this item appears an announcement that Mr. TED O. THACKREY, 225 Lafayette Street, New York 12, N.Y., "formerly editor and publisher of the New York Daily Compass", had launched a newsletter of his own. The I.F. Stone's Weekly extended best wishes to THACKREY on this newsletter.

3. A reprint from "The Nation" dated 3/26/55, captioned "Deportation Deliriums, Xenophobia in Action" by LAURENT B. FRANTZ.

SAC, New York (100-121760)(12-14)

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JAMES E. REILLY, SA

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NY 1475-S* advised that on 9/6/55, PHIL BART at CP National Headquarters was speaking with an unidentified man. PHIL talked about his desires to be "out of here" by January 1. He talked about moving to places, such as the building that the New Century is in or the building that houses the Jefferson School. PHIL commented that he thought that the best place would be the Jefferson School building and added that they could use the same elevator in the building, but could use the 16th Street address.

NY 693-S* advised that on 9/12/55 a Mr. WOLF contacted GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY at CP Headquarters and was told by CHARNEY that WOLF's name had been given to him by CARL BRODSKY as a real estate expert. CHARNEY explained that he represented the CP in NY, and added that he was looking for a building loft which they could use as their headquarters. He remarked that they could probably use a couple of floors. WOLF stated that he did not know about any available lofts and told CHARNEY that it would actually involve going around from street to street in search of a location. He claimed that he now did very little of such work as he was "half-retired". WOLF apologized for being of no help to CHARNEY.

- 1 - NY 100-50806 (GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-17924 (CARL BRODSKY)(12-14)
- 1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART)(19)
- 1 - NY 100- (FNU) WOLF)(7-6)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3284)

DATE: September 20, 1955

FROM : SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (61-55)

SUBJECT: **THOMAS J. [redacted]**
IN [redacted] - C;
DATE 11-17-1950

Re IP letter to Director dated 8/25/55 which advised that [redacted] is now available for testimony. Letter captioned [redacted]

[redacted] white, male, was born [redacted]

[redacted] first functioned as an informant of the Indianapolis Office from approximately [redacted]. During this period of time [redacted] was a member of the Communist Party and served as [redacted] of the Party in [redacted]. During the years [redacted] had only occasional contact with [redacted] CP members. He was again recruited into the CP at [redacted]. He was reactivated as an informant on [redacted]. He attended meetings of the [redacted] of the CP until his services as an informant were terminated [redacted]. Since that time he has occasionally attended CP meetings, including a meeting held [redacted] of the CP in Indiana, was present. As of 9/1/55 he is still considered by other CP members as a registered CP member at [redacted].

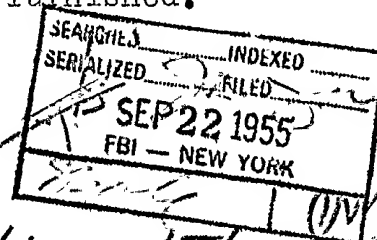
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[redacted] services as an informant to the Bureau were discontinued in [redacted]

[redacted] where he was then employed. On [redacted]

[redacted] has furnished both oral and written reports. He has been paid for his services. No discrepancies have been found in information which he has furnished.

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cc: 1 - New York (100-26579) (P)
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[redacted] who has FBI Number [redacted]
[redacted]

On [redacted] advised that he had no objections to testifying in open court or at open hearings as to the information which he had furnished, although at that time it was deemed inadvisable to make him available as a witness. However, he should now be regarded as available for testimony. It would appear from his general appearance, demeanor, and background that he would make a satisfactory witness. b7D

[redacted] has furnished information in connection with captioned case.

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On 9/22/55, NY 1317-S*, who has access to CP National Headquarters, 268 7th Avenue, NYC, advised that located in the headquarters office, in a desk believed to be used by GEORGE WATT and PHIL BART (members of National Administrative Committee, CP, USA), was a mimeographed document pertaining to the American Peace Crusade.

This document, which was dated 9/25/55, was entitled in general as follows: "Proposed Resolution for Dissolution of American Peace Crusade." The document indicated the American Peace Crusade would be immediately disbanded and all obligations due and debts would be handled by BETTY HAUPRECHT. According to the document, the dissolution resulted because of pending SACB hearings which would require the APC to register under the provisions of the Internal Security Act of 1950.

For info.

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1-Bureau (100-377391)(AMERICAN PEACE CRUSADE)(RM)
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1-NY 100-86624-Sub A (CP INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)(#12-14)
1-NY 100-18673 (GEORGE WATT)(#7-5)
1-NY 100-56571 (PHIL BART)(#19) 100-56579
1-NY 100-85536 (BETTY HAUPRECHT)(#12-15)

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TO: SAC, New York 100-56579

DATE: 9/22/55

FROM: SA ROBERT H. BERTKE

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
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On 9/14/55 subject was observed ~~leaving~~ entering
268 7th Ave., NYC, the address of CP, USA Headquarters and the
NY State CP Headquarters, at 10:32 a.m. by SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] b6
[REDACTED] ROBERT H. BERTKE b7C

A log covering the above surveillance is being maintained
in NY file 100-4931-Sub O.

OTHER ACTIVITY: OUT AT 12:23 PM
IN AT 2:35 PM
OUT AT 4:28 PM
IN AT 4:35 PM

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, New York 100-56579

DATE: 9/22/55

FROM: SA ROBERT H. BERTKE

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
IS-C

On 9/16/55 subject was observed ~~leaving~~-entering 268 7th Ave., NYC, the address of CP, USA Headquarters and the NY State CP Headquarters, at 10:01 a.m. by SA ROBERT H. BERTKE ~~p.m.~~

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TO: SAC, New York 100-56579

DATE: 9/22/55

FROM: SA ROBERT H. BERTKE

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
IS-C

On 9/15/55 subject was observed ~~leaving~~-entering
268 7th Ave., NYC, the address of CP, USA Headquarters and the
NY State CP Headquarters, at 10:43 a.m. by SA [REDACTED]

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ROBERT H. BERTKE

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OTHER ACTIVITY: OUT AT 1:21 PM
IN AT 1:55 PM

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TO: SAC, New York *100-56579 7-5* DATE: 9/22/55
FROM: SA *Robert H Bentke*
SUBJECT: *PHIL BART*
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Submitted as an exhibit is--are 4 photograph(s) of subject taken as subject was about to enter*leave 268 7th Ave., NYC, the address of headquarters for the CP, USA, and NY State CP.

Date photo taken: 9/12/55

Source making identification: *SA DJB T Nolan*

Agent who took photo: *Robert H Bentke*

Location of photographic plant: *26th & 7th Ave NYC*

Location of negative: NY file 100-4931
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TO: SAC, New York 100-56579 7-5 DATE: 9/22/55
FROM: SA *Robert A. Butke*
SUBJECT: *PHIL BART*
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Submitted as an exhibit is-are ~~2~~ *2* photograph(s) of subject taken as subject was about to enter-leave 268 7th Ave., NYC, the address of headquarters for the CP, USA, and NY State CP.

Date photo taken:

9/9/55

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Agent who took photo:

*Robert A. Butke*Location of photographic plant: *268 7th Ave NYC*

Location of negative:

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TO: SAC, New York

(100-56579)(7-5)

DATE: 9/22/55

FROM:

SA JPM-Cornwell Jr #19

SUBJECT:

Phil Bart
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On 9/30/55 subject was observed leaving-entering
268 7th Ave., NYC, the address of CP, USA Headquarters and the
NY State CP Headquarters, at 3:46 ^{a.m.} p.m. by SA JPM-Cornwell Jr

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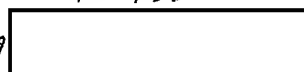
TO: SAC, New York *100-56579 7-5* DATE: 9/22/55
FROM: SA *Robert H Butke*
SUBJECT: *PHIL BART*
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Submitted as an exhibit is-are 1 photograph(s) of subject taken as subject was about to enter-leave 268 7th Ave., NYC, the address of headquarters for the CP, USA, and NY State CP.

Date photo taken:

9/13/55

Source making identification: SA



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Agent who took photo:

Robert H Butke

Location of photographic plant: *267th Ave NYC*

Location of negative:

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TO: SAC, New York 100-56579 7-5 DATE: 9/22/55
FROM: SA *Robert H. Bentke*
SUBJECT: *PHIL BART*
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Submitted as an exhibit is-are 2 photograph(s) of subject taken as subject was about to enter-leave 268 7th Ave., NYC, the address of headquarters for the CP, USA, and NY State CP.

Date photo taken:

Source making identification:

Agent who took photo:

Location of photographic plant:

Location of negative:

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J. W. Waters
Robert H. Bentke
26th 7th Ave NYC
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TO: SAC, New York 100-56579 7-5 DATE: 9/22/55
FROM: SA *Robert H. Burtke*
SUBJECT: *Phil Bark*
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Submitted as an exhibit is-are 2 photograph(s) of subject taken as subject was about to ~~enter~~-leave 268 7th Ave., NYC, the address of headquarters for the CP, USA, and NY State CP.

Date photo taken:

9/8/55

Source making identification: SA

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Agent who took photo:

Robert H. Burtke

Location of photographic plant: 26TH & 7TH AVE NYC

Location of negative:

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OFFICE MEMORANDA

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, New York 100-56579

DATE: 9/22/55

FROM: SA ROBERT H. BERTKE

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
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On 9/13/55 subject was observed leaving-entering
268 7th Ave., NYC, the address of CP, USA Headquarters and the
NY State CP Headquarters, at 10:07 a.m. by SA [REDACTED]

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OTHER ACTIVITY: OUT AT 10:12AM
IN AT 10:56AM

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, New York *100-56579*

DATE: *9/22/55*

FROM: *SA ROBERT H. BERTKE*

SUBJECT: *PHIL BART*
IS-C

On *9/12/55* subject was observed ~~leaving~~-entering
268 7th Ave., NYC, the address of CP, USA Headquarters and the
NY State CP Headquarters, at *10:33* a.m. by SA

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ROBERT H. BERTKE

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*OTHER ACTIVITY: OUT AT 11:40 AM
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, New York *100-56579*

DATE: *9/22/55*

FROM: *SA ROBERT H. BERTKE*

SUBJECT: *PHIL BART*
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On *9/9/55* subject was observed leaving-~~entering~~
268 7th Ave., NYC, the address of CP, USA Headquarters and the
NY State CP Headquarters, at *5150* ~~a.m.~~ p.m. by SA *PAUL F. DAIR*
ROBERT H. BERTKE

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO

DATE: SEP 26 1955

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-11181)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
RAILROAD INDUSTRY
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
OO: CHICAGO

On [redacted] SA THURL STALNAKER received a written report from [redacted] concerning a meeting held in New York City on [redacted], which meeting consisted of [redacted] LNU, and the informant.

The informant's written report, the original of which is located in New Haven file [redacted], is set forth as follows:

[redacted]
[redacted]. This all under
date of [redacted]

[redacted] put on the Agenda for discussion the recent wage requests of the non-operating personnel of the railroads and the wage drives of the operating personnel and in particular, the current mediation of the BRT for wage increases for yardmen.

[redacted] sent on to President KENNEDY of the BRT and they all liked that very much. Also, there was much discussion regarding what could further be done in the way of putting pressure on KENNEDY and the Railroads. It was decided that the proper thing was to keep the pressure on KENNEDY as the individual railroads could do nothing towards the settlement of the current question. They mentioned the delegation from the Harbor Council that is going to Cleveland and visit KENNEDY and ask him why he is not calling and preparing for a strike in anticipation of refusal of our present demands. After the discussion on the wage drive of the non-op's [redacted] brought up the question of the contact in Chicago and what [redacted] had done about it. [redacted] informed us that he had talked to PHIL BART and () WATT and that he had a promise from them that they were going to make a contact in Chicago and Los Angeles as soon as they could. [redacted] gave us the assurance that he was pressing them and

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cc: New York (6):

- (1) [redacted]
- (1) [redacted]
- (1) PHIL BART
- (1) GEORGE WATT
- (1) MARCH OF LABOR

Boston (3): (1) [redacted]
(1) [redacted]

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that all they could do, was being done. [] made the point that we are making periodic trips to New York and are getting no further towards setting up a national organization. [] said that that too was his personal desire to set one up as soon as possible. He mentioned that both WATT and BART are Smith act boys and have a lot of trouble getting to places what with there periodic trips to New York for court and legal proceedings.

[] asked about 'OTTO' in the book store in Chicago. This is the former head of the national CP Railroad organization. [] said that he was at present on some other assignment and had no time to devote to railroad work. [] asked if the national officers thought that the RR group was not important. [] said that thought that it was very important. He asked [] again if he wanted to go to Chicago and try to establish a contact. [] was reluctant to go inasmuch as he went previously without a lead and was unsuccessful. He had previously asked me if I wanted to go. I mentioned that the trip would be too expensive and he said he felt he could get all the necessary money from []. He did no mention going for sure to []. He told him when his vacation would be and [] told him he get in touch with him as soon as he had some word from the national 'people'. [] is very anxious to get something going nationally. He said he would like to have a correspondent in Los Angeles to keep in touch with things out there. Thought that a lot could be done with the lists that 'OTTO' has out in Chicago. Is also anxious to go to St. Louis. He must know of some one there. He mentioned knowing people in Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

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"The meeting ended with [] promising faithfully to notify [] as soon as he heard anything from PHIL and WATTS regarding some available contact in Chicago or anyplace else.

"He mentioned the MOL and articles that [] submitted. He said "we" did not put it in MOL, we put it in the Link. That would be the last Link out, I received no copies of that one. He is on the best terms with the editors of MOL, if he is not one himself."

For the information of offices receiving copies of this communication, this informant is being followed closely with a view toward developing any additional information concerning the proposed trip to Chicago which is mentioned in the informant's written report as set out above. The informant has advised that he has every reason to believe that provided such a trip is made to Chicago in connection with Communist Party activities among railroad employees, that such trip will be made by [].

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This source has also stated that [redacted] if such a trip is approved by CP leaders in New York.

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The New Haven Office by separate communication will, in the near future, provide all interested offices with details concerning any plans that have been made in this connection, together with details concerning the problems which are presented provided the Communist Party does decide to sponsor such a trip to Chicago either for [redacted] or the informant.

For the information of Chicago, the informant has since the date of the above report, advised that the "OTTO" mentioned in the informant's written report is OTTO WANGERIN. Details concerning that matter are being supplied Chicago by separate communication.

All offices reporting information contained in this letter should carefully paraphrase the same with a view to protecting the identity of the informant who is believed to be one of the very few individuals having access to most of the information contained herein.

Director, FBI (100-3204)

9/27/55

gm SAC, New York (100-56579)

PHILIP LITV, was.
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SMITH ACT OF 1940

It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME _____

ALIASES _____

NATIVE BORN _____ NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____ RACE _____ SEX _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

KEY FACILITY DATA:

GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER _____ RESPONSIBILITY _____

INTERESTED AGENCIES _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS Apt. 4C, 2425 Manhattan Avenue, Bklyn., NY

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-9352)(#12-14)

9/28/55

JAMES E. REILLY, SA

ABE MAGIL
IS-C

NY 693-S* advised that on 9/14/55, Mr. M., who said that his name was ABE (believed to be ABE MAGIL) contacted PHIL (believed to be PHIL BART) at CP Headquarters, and made an appointment to see him at 10:30 AM on 9/15/55.

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CP, USA, ORGANIZATION, IS-C. DAYLET.

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[redacted] orally advised on 9/28/55 that [redacted]

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Nothing may be expected to happen on the national party farm front for the next two months. Numerous people, who have been underground, have been appearing in the open and these people need attention. BART intimated to COE that a shift in the Party leadership is contemplated; however, it will not take place for at least two months because during the next two months BART expects everyone to appear in the open. Also, BART told COE that the probation of EUGENE DENNIS, et al, will be over during December, 1955. The Party, at that time, will be able to determine who is available. In the meantime, the Party will mark time and there will not be any shift in party policies. COE expressed to BART the need for a national farm conference but BART stated it was not the time for it because things are too unsettled and will remain that way until a shift in the leadership has taken place.

Informant was of the opinion that some kind of a national conference will be held sometime after the next two

- 3 - BUREAU (Registered Mail) b7D
- 1 - NY [redacted] (P & C) (7-4)
- 1 - NY 100-86624 sub A (International Relations - Daylet)
- 1 - NY 100-4931 (CP, USA) (12-14)
- 1 - NY 100-96985 (Underground Operations) (19)
- 1 - NY 100-66938 (CHARLES COE) (20-11)
- ① - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (19)
- 1 - NY 100-80634 (Farm Matters) (12-14)
- 1 - NY 100-8057 (EUGENE DENNIS) (7-5)

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months to install the new Party leadership and to give the new leadership a measure of public authority. Informant will endeavor to secure additional information concerning the foregoing and the Bureau will be kept advised. If any of the above information is used in a report or disseminated outside the Bureau, it must be paraphrased to protect the identity of the informant.

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TO : SAC, NY (100-56579)

DATE: 9/29/55

FROM : EUGENE R. NOBLE, SA

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART, was
IS - C;
SMITH ACT - 1940

Status: Prosecution of subject PHILIP BART.

A review of the New York file reflects the following in respect to prosecution:

1. Buairtel, 8/6/53 authorizes BART's arrest. (Serial 736A)
2. Buairtel, 9/16/53 rescinded instructions for BART's arrest issued 8/6/53. (Serial 762)
3. Buairtel, 4/16/54 advised Department considering obtaining secret indictment against BART for Smith Act violation. (Serial 842)
4. Buairtel, 3/16/55 states in view of inquiry made by Department concerning the whereabouts status of BART and availability of informants, it appears that consideration is being given to possible prosecution of BART in near future. (Serial 960)
5. Buairtel 5/5/55 advised the Department is considering prosecution of BART under Smith Act. (Serial 1024)
6. WFO report of W. M. BOARDMAN, 6/3/55 reflects BART's contempt case argued before US Supreme Court and on 5/23/55 ruling handed down set aside contempt conviction of subject. (Serial 1023)
7. Bulet, 6/16/55 re previous communications advising Department considering prosecution of BART under Smith Act. By letter, 6/8/55 the Department advised that current informant could not be used as key witness. Department requested to be notified if there is any change in availability of NY 694-S*, or CG 5824-S* Bureau to be promptly notified if any change of the informants. New York should follow closely and submit investigation report every three months. (Serial 1098)

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8. New York letter to Bureau, 7/27/55; New York requested BART be made top functionary instead of key figure. (Serial 1177)

9. Subject made top functionary 8/26/55. (Serial 1186)

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

September 29, 1955

SAC, CHICAGO (100-18953)

COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
ORGANIZATION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re Detroit airtel dated July 1, 1955, detailing activities of CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, SAM KUSHNER, PHIL BART, a person tentatively identified as LEON NELSON and others from June 22 to 25, 1955, at Detroit; and New York letter to the Director, Chicago and Detroit dated August 31, 1955.

On September 22, 1955, CG 5824-S was shown photographs by SA JOHN E. KEATING of the person tentatively identified as LEON NELSON.

It is noted that these photographs do not give a clear view of the face of the unidentified individual.

CG 5824-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that in his opinion the photograph of the person tentatively identified as LEON NELSON is PHIL BART.

It is noted that all other photographs of BART are without a hat, that the curvature of the back of this person is similar to that of BART and that this person has a long, slender foot as does BART.

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- 1 - Detroit (100-2050)(CP-USA, ORGANIZATION)(REGISTERED)
- 3 - New York (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-80611)(CP - USA, ORGANIZATION)
 - (1 - ~~100-54479~~)(PHIL BART)
 - (1 - 100-23755)(LEON NELSON)
- 1 - CG A)134-46

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CLARA BOYDIE
SM-C

NY 693-S* advised that on 7/22/55, a person believed
PHIL BART contacted CLARA (believed to be CLARA BOYDIE) at
Gramercy 7-8825, and agreed that CLARA would come see PHIL
at 11 o'clock that morning.

1.-NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (7-1)

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SAC, NEWARK (100-2974)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-66211)(#7-5)

MARTHA STONE
IS-C

NY 1475-S*, who is in a position to furnish reliable information concerning activities at CP National Headquarters, 255 7th Ave., NYC, advised that on 6/2/55, EDNA WINSTON contacted MARTHA STONE at CP National Headquarters. She asked MARTHA if she wanted to see her concerning the message she had received from LIL (believed to be LIL GATES). MARTHA replied that it was and asked her if she could wait a while. EDNA said she could not and MARTHA told her that she would be unable to come downstairs to see her but that CLAUDE (believed to be CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT) would be down to see her in a minute. This was agreeable to EDNA.

According to the informant, later that afternoon REGINA FRANKFELD contacted PHIL BART at CP National Headquarters and told him that she wanted to see MARTHA that afternoon. REGINA gave PHIL the telephone number NY 6-6958 as the place where she could be reached that afternoon.

In the event it becomes necessary to disseminate this information care should be taken to protect the informant's identity.

It is to be noted that the phone number NY 6-6958 is listed in the Manhattan Telephone Directory to HARRIET BARRON, 18 W. 30th St., NYC.

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- 1 - Chicago (61-867)(CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)(RM)
- 1 - New Haven (100-14795)(MARTHA STONE)(RM)
- 1 - NY 100-78389 (EDNA WINSTON)(#20-10)
- 1 - NY 100-24448 (LIL GATES)(#20-11)
- 1 - NY 100-35493 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)(#7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-19144 (REGINA FRANKFELD)(#7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-35579 (PHIL BART)(#19)
- 1 - NY 100-64766 (HARRIET BARRON)(#12-13)

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SAC, New York (100-98699)

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT
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NY 1475-S*, who is in a position to furnish reliable information concerning activities at CP National Headquarters, 268 Seventh Ave., NYC, advised that on 6/29/55, PHIL (believed to be PHIL BART) and CLAUDE (believed to be CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT) were in conversation at CP National Headquarters. PHIL told CLAUDE that BALDY had asked to see him at any time it was possible. PHIL also mentioned the name of NORMAN ROSS and later stated that DORIS (believed to be DORIS FINE) was staying at his home. CLAUDE asked if PHIL had seen DORIS and PHIL said that he had seen her that day and had her phone number.

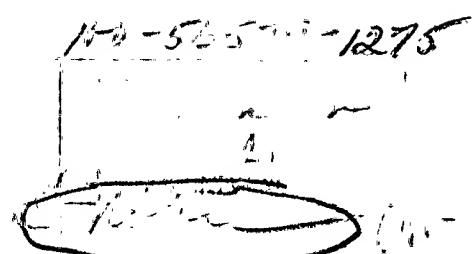
Later that same afternoon, according to the informant, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT asked the switchboard operator at CP Headquarters to get him "freedom". When the connection was effected, CLAUDE spoke with THELMA DALE and asked if his "boyfriend" was there. THELMA told him that he was expected to return later that day. CLAUDE asked that he be told to contact him and then asked THELMA if JOHN (believed to be JOHN GRAY) was present. THELMA replied that he was not

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- 1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART)(19)
- 1 - NY 100-59399 (DORIS FINE)(20-13)
- 1 - NY 100-51119 (THELMA DALE)(12-14)
- 1 - NY 100-109247 (JOHN GRAY)(12-15)
- 1 - NY 100-52763 (NORMAN ROSS)(20-11)
- 1 - NY 100- (BALDY (LNU))(7-6)

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NY 100-98699

In the event it becomes necessary to disseminate this information, care should be taken to protect the informant's identity.

SAC, NEW YORK (97-169)

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JAMES E. REILLY, SA

"DAILY WORKER"
IS - C

NY 1475-S* advised that on 6/29/55 an unidentified man, speaking at CP National Headquarters, stated that they had received a proposal for a man to take LESLIE's (believed to be LESTER RODNEY) place at the "Daily" and to become the Sports Editor of the "Daily". According to the unidentified man the individual who was proposed was a terrific sportsman and a writer. The unidentified man said that LESLIE was leaving as Sports Editor but was staying with the "Daily" in another capacity. The unidentified man pointed out that there was not a single Negro Sports Writer on any paper in the country, outside of the Negro press, and a man like the individual who was proposed had stature in the unidentified man's opinion and could readily become a tremendous asset. At this point another man asked who the proposed individual was, and the first unidentified man stated that it was ROOSEVELT WARD, also known as ROBY WARD. The first unidentified man said that on the following day ABNER (believed to be ABNER GREEN), LESTER (believed to be LESTER RODNEY), AL (believed to be AL BLUMBERG), and himself were meeting with WARD. The unidentified man said he believed that WARD would accept the offer and would be a tremendous addition.

- 1 - NY 100-97970 (ROOSEVELT WARD)(12-16)
- 1 - NY 100-13292 (LESTER RODNEY)(12-16)
- 1 - NY 100-14691 (ABNER GREEN)(12-14)
- 1 - NY 100-9984 (AL BLUMBERG)(19)
- 1 - NY 100-21259 (MAC GORDON)(12-15)
- 1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART)(19)

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Later that same afternoon, according to the informant, MAC (believed to be MAC GORDON) contacted PHIL (believed to be PHIL BART) at CP National Headquarters. MAC asked the fellow from OHIO was around and PHIL replied that he had gone back. MAC asked if the man had said anything about the drive and PHIL stated that he had taken it up with him, but that he did not think he could do anything that week because of a short week, but perhaps could do something about the drive during the next week. MAC said he would send the man a wire and PHIL told him that if MAC sent him a wire he was sure that he would receive what he wanted, because the Ohio man had told him that it was already.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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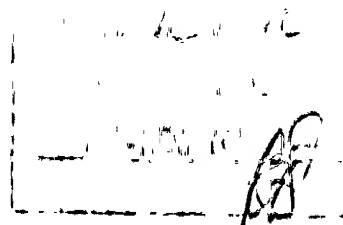
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b7cSUBJECT: PHIL BART
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NY 693-S* advised that on 9/16/55, LOU (believed to be LOUIS BURNHAM) contacted PHIL BART and asked if PHIL had met with the guy who was going to the Mid-West on the question of the Labor Movement and was supposed to take something with him to a guy in Detroit? PHIL said that he did not meet with the guy, but is supposed to see a young fellow today who is going to the Mid-West over the weekend. LOU said if PHIL does not have a guy to take it out there, he, LOU, has someone going there, if this is an emergency that would hold it up.

1-NY 100-34032 (LOUIS BURNHAM) (12-11)

1-NY 100-89590 (CPUSA Strategy in Industry) (12-14)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-9352) (12-14)

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SA [REDACTED]

ABE MAGIL
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NY 693-S* advised that on 7/22/55, ABE MAGIL contacted LEE (believed to be [REDACTED] and asked for PHIL (believed to be PHIL BART) who was out at the time. ABE asked if JERRY (believed to be GERALD DALY) came in. LEE stated that he was upstairs at the present time, and that she was sure it was the same JERRY that ABE wanted, inasmuch as it is the one who is helping out here. ABE said that he is coming over there and that LEE should ask JERRY to wait.

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- 1 - NY (100-126098) [REDACTED] (7-6)
- ① - NY (100-56579) PHIL BART (7-1)
- 1 - NY (100-70281) GERALD DALY (7-6)

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CELIA LEVY
SM-C

NY 693-S* advised 6/28/55, that PHIL BART called an unidentified woman at ESplanade 6-7892 (believed to be CELIA LEVY) and asked if "She came in today?" "CEIL" replied that "she has arrived and called an unidentified woman to the phone who PHIL addressed as NELL (phonetic). NELL told PHIL, "tell him I'll see him either tomorrow or Thursday whenever you set it up for me."

PHIL agreed and said he would see her sometime before the night was over. NELL said she would wait up for PHIL as she hadn't gotten in the habit of going to bed early. She said the only two people she has seen were CEIL and her daughter, as BOBBY was not there yet. She also mentioned speaking of EDITH. She then told PHIL that she "just got here about an our ago" and asked PHIL to give her best to everybody.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579) (7-1)

DATE: 10/3/55

FROM : SA b6
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NY 693-S* advised that on 7/21/55 PHIL (believed to be PHIL BART) contacted MAC (believed to be MAC GORDON) at the "Daily Worker" and asked him to meet him in a half hour. MAC agreed to meet him at the cafeteria on 14th Street, just East of 5th Avenue.

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1 - NY (100-21259) MAC GORDON (12-16)

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